



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE



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OFFICIALS IN MASSACHUSETTS

AND WORCESTER COUNTY

SERVING HOPEDALE IN 1988

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

GOVERNOR

Michael J. Dukakis

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci

STATE SENATOR MIDDLESEX
AND WORCESTER DISTRICT

John P. Houston

REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT
EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT

Richard T. Moore

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Evelyn F. Murphy

TREASURER

Robert Q. Crane

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE THIRD
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Joseph D. Early

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Francis J. Holloway

John R. Sharry

Paul X. Tivnan

ATTORNEY GENERAL

James M. Shannon

GENERAL INTEREST

Town of Hopedale- Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION

5,362

AREA

5.34 Square Miles

ELEVATION

271.94 feet above sea level

ROAD MILEAGE

21.11

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

First Monday in April

REGISTERED VOTERS

2,927

ANNUAL ELECTION

First Monday in March

1988 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Moderator	Bernard J. Stock	1991
Selectmen	Annette Lawson, Chairman	1989
	Robert E. Barrows	1990
	John J. Bacon	1991
Town Clerk	Robert S. Phillips	1989
School Committee	Mary Grady, Chairman	1991
	John Abbruzzese	1989
	John McGrath	1989
	Robert Goss	1990
	Robert Metcalf	1991
Trustees of Public Library	June Hanam, Chairman	1989
	Gail A. Mikolaycik	1990
	Sue-Ellen Deiana	1991
Road Commissioners	John Farrar, Chairman	1989
	John Cutter	1990
	Merwin Noyes	1991
Planning Board	Edward Condon, Chairman	1993
	D. Craig Travers	1992
	James Ronan, Secretary	1989
	Robert Gately	1990
	Alan Bethel	1991
Member, Blackstone Valley Vocational High School Committee	Roger V. Burns	1990
Tree Warden	Bruce Lutz	1989
Sewer Commissioners	Kenneth Mooradian, Chairman	1989
	Benjamin F. Phillips	1990
	Harold W. Anderson	1991
Board of Health	Mark Ansart, Chairman	1989
	Charles Bishop	1990
	Walter R. Swift	1991
Housing Authority	**Alice Phillips, Chairman	1990
	Robert E. Pugh	1992
	Paul Bresciani	1991
	Edward Malloy	1989
	Margaret Bishop	1993
Park Commissioners	Willard Taft, Chairman	1991
	Albert Carnaroli	1990
	Bruce Lutz	1989

**State Appointment

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

RED SHOP PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Marilyn Barrows, Chairman
John Deiana
Chester Francis
William Gannett
Robert Hammond
Paul Lawson
Frederick Oldfield
Nora Rowny
Merrily Sparling

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Al Sparling, Chairman
Attorney Joseph Antonellis
Roger Calarese
Debbie Clasby
John DiPietropolo
Mike Farrer
Mary Grady, School Committee Representative
Donald Hayes; Superintendent, Hopedale Public Schools
Linda Luckraft
John McGrath, School Committee Representative
Michael Milanoski
Jane Newhall

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES COMMITTEE

Roger Calarese
Donald Comastra
Robert Kozubal
Richard Savino

1988 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Accountant, Town	Kathleen A. Garabedian	1991
Administrator, Town; Affirmative Action Officer	John A. Hayes	1991
Aging, Council on	Robert Hammond, Chairman	1991
	Margaret Stanas, Secretary	1991
	Mary Bibbo	1990
	Mildred Carpenter	1989
	Robert Cummings	1991
	Alfred Fetting	1990
	Gail Hensel	1989
	Richard Palmer	1989
	Frances Rae	1989
Animal Inspector	Howard Miller	1989
Appeals, Zoning Board of	Joseph Menfi, Chairman	1991
	Bruce Lutz, Secretary	1991
	Thomas Roche	1989
	Walter Cyr	1991
	Bruno Carnaroli	1989
	Norma E. Thurston, Assoc.	1990
Arts, Council on	Joanne Andreotti, Chairman	1989
	Linda Gilbertson	1989
	Norma Rowny	1989
	Raymond Gaffney, Jr.	1989
	David Felper	1990
	Wilma Manning	1989
	Joanne Travers	1989
	Lisa Ferrucci	1989
	Maureen Bulger	1990
	Raymond Andreotti	1990
Assessors, Board of	Eugene Phillips, Chairman	1991
	William Caufield	1990
	Jamie Schwingel	1989
Blackstone Valley Regional Development Corporation	vacancy	
Building Commissioner	Edward Small	1989
Building Commissioner, Assistant	Perry K. MacNevin	1989
Burial Permits Agent	George Mongiat	1989
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Board Member	Robert Gately	1989
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Board	vacant	

Civil Defense	Rolland Morin	1989
Conservation Commission	Donald A. Hayes	1989
	David Guglielmi	1990
	Jennifer Weaver	1990
	Walter Swift	1991
	John E. Farrar	1991
Constables	Eugene Costanza	1989
	Paul Castiglione	1989
	James Gardner	1989
	Timothy Connors	1989
	Richard Mank	1989
	Victor Best	1989
	Rosemary Naughton	1989
Counsel, Town	Attorney Robert S. Phillips	1989
Dog Officer	Howard Miller	1989
Finance Committee	Donald Comastra, Chairman	1990
	Victor Lamothe, Clerk	1991
	James Silva	1989
	Alfred Sparling	1990
	Raymond Andreotti	1991
	Steven Tenenholtz	1991
	Stephen Dawley	1989
	Richard Martin	1989
	vacancy (1)	1990
Fire Chief	David M. Durgin	1990
Health Officer	Aloysius W. Farrell, M.D.	1989
Historical Commission	Olga Till	1989
	Eleanor Allen	1989
	Alfred Fettig	1989
	Brian Main	1989
	Robert Hammond	1989
	John Coxall	1989
	Joanna Aamodt	1989
	Lucille Damon	1989
Handicapped, Commission for the	Mary Challela, Chairman	1988
	James Carley	1988
	Peter Ellis	1988
	Robert Metcalf	1988
	vacancies (3)	
Insect Pest Control, Superintendent of	David Sawyer	1989

Massachusetts Municipal Association Liaison	Robert E. Barrows	1989
Parking Fines Clerk	Kathleen A. Garabedian	1989
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Rossetti	1989
Plumbing Inspector, Assistant	John Balanca	1989
Police Chief	Edward P. Allard	1990
Registrars, Board of	Paul Bresciani, Chairman	1991
	Rolland Morin	1990
	Helen Hammond	1989
Sanitation Officer	Rolland J. Morin	1989
Selectmen, Clerk to the Board	Cathy A. Friend	1989
Sewer Superintendent	Benjamin F. Phillips	1989
Surplus Property Officer	John A. Hayes	1989
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Carolyn J. Marcotte	1991
Tax Collector, Deputy	Frederick Kelley	1989
Veteran's Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	1989
Weigher's, Public	Jordan Carp	1989
	Nathan Ferman	1989
	David Hayward	1989
	William Hayward	1989
	George Howarth	1989
	Paul Durand	1989
	John Gibson	1989
	Tim Paul	1989
	Francis Hayward	1989
	Herman Schwenker	1989
	Judy Beverly	1989
	Joseph Gallagher	1989
Wiring, Inspector of	Albert Shimkus	1989
Wiring, Inspector's Assistant	Dennis W. Phillips	1989
Worcester County Advisory Board Delegate	John J. Bacon	1989
Zoning Inspector	Edward F. Small	1989

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

July 1987

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Hopedale Community House Building on Hope Street, on Monday, September 14, 1987 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the following Town Officers:

The Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

One Selectmen

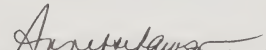
For 1 year (unexpired term)

This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE this fifteenth day of June, 1987.


Robert E. Barrows, Chairman

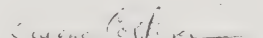
SELECTMEN


Annette Lawson, Member

OF

HOPEDALE

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office as directed.


Constable of Hopedale

July 1987

"The Dale 1700;

Hopedale 1841;

A Town 1886"

Robert S. Phillips
Town Clerk



Town Hall
Hopedale, Mass. 01747
Tel. 617-478-2140

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 14, 1987

The Polls opened at 8:00a.m. at the Hopedale Community House and closed at 8:00p.m.

Number of Ballots cast are 1,002.

Town Clerk, Robert S. Phillips, announced the results at 8:55p.m. as follows:

<u>SELECTMEN</u>	
John J. Bacon	531
Richard W. Martin	257
Roland J. Morin	210
Blanks	4
TOTAL	1,002

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR THE TOWN ELECTIONS

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

MARCH 7, 1988

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the George A. Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street, on Monday, March 7, 1988 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the following Town Officers:

The polls will be open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

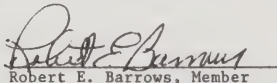
One Selectman	for 3 years
One Town Moderator	for 3 years
Two School Committee Members	for 3 years
One Library Trustee	for 3 years
One Road Commissioner	for 3 years
One Park Commissioner	for 3 years
One Water & Sewer Commissioner	for 3 years
One Board of Health Member	for 3 years
One Planning Board Member	for 5 years
One Housing Authority Member	for 5 years

This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE this First day of February, 1988.

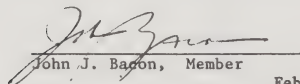

Annette Lawson, Chairman

SELECTMEN


Robert E. Barrows, Member

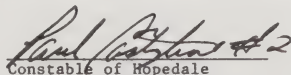
OF

HOPEDALE


John J. Bacon, Member

February 2, 1988

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office as directed.


Constable of Hopedale

TOWN ELECTION

MARCH 7, 1988

The polls opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. with a total number of 1,295 voters. The results were announced by Town Clerk Robert S. Phillips at 10:30 P.M. as follows:

Selectmen, 3 Years

John J. Bacon	1,112
Blanks	183

Town Moderator, 3 Years

Bernard J. Stock	972
Blanks	323

School Committee, 3 Years; (Vote for Two)

Mary A. Grady	561
Michael Milanoski	500
Eileen Tetrault	505
Robert Metcalf	596
Blanks	428

Library Trustee, 3 Years

Sue-Ellen Deiana	1,052
Blanks	243

Road Commissioner, 3 Years

Merwin L. Noyes	1,050
Blanks	245

Park Commissioner, 3 Years

Willard W. Taft	1,065
Blanks	230

Water & Sewer Commissioner, 3 Years

Harold W. Anderson	990
Blanks	305

Board of Health, 3 Years

John E. Carter, III	331
Walter R. Swift	882
Blanks	82

Planning Board, 5 Years

Edward L. Condon	914
Blanks	381

Housing Authority, 5 Years

Margaret Bishop	731
Thomas Clement	456
Blanks	108

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY, SECRETARY

WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town or City of Hopedale

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote on Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at the George A. Draper Gymnasium, Dutcher Street from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., to cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the Candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN.....1st WORCESTER & MIDDLESEX SENATORIAL DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN.....1st WORCESTER & MIDDLESEX SENATORIAL DISTRICT
WARD OR TOWN COMMITTEES.....HOPEDALE

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this FIRST day of February, A.D. 1988.

A true copy.

ATTEST:

Annette Lawson
Annette Lawson Chairman

Robert E. Barrows
Robert E. Barrows Member

John J. Bacon
John J. Bacon Member

Constable

Posted:

February 2, 1988 in three places as required.

Paul Patishtas #2
Constable

STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION RESULTS - MARCH 8, 1988

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. with 638 Democratic voters and 291 Republican voters casting ballots for a total of 929 voters. Town Clerk Robert S. Phillips announced the results at 9:15 P.M., as follows:

DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Michael S. Dukakis	398
Albert Gore, Jr.	27
Florenzo Di Donato	4
Paul Simon	14
Bruce Babbitt	1
Richard E. Gephardt	70
Jesse L. Jackson	94
Gary Hart	9
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	3
No Preference	12
Blanks	6

TOWN COMMITTEE

Paul Bresciani	20
Elizabeth Cox	48
Joseph Di Flumera	9
Richard Martin	16
Paul Moore	13
Louis Noferi	20
Lorraine Olson	21

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Anthony J. Vigliotti	408
Blanks	230

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Margaret M. Donovan	98
Kathleen B. McNamara	403
Blanks	137

REPUBLICAN
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Pierre S. duPont, IV	5
Marion G. (Pat) Robertson	8
George Bush	184
Alexander M. Haig, Jr.	2
Jack Kemp	17
Bob Dole	70
No Preference	5
Blanks	

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

John E. Wilson	211
Blanks	80

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Gloria L. Guagnini	208
Blanks	83

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION
JUNE 14, 1988

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet on Monday, June 14, 1988 at the George Albert Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street in Hopedale at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote "Yes" or "No" on the following questions:

Question 1: "Shall the Town of Hopedale be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts requested to pay for the bond issued in order to construct, originally equip and furnish a new high school and to construct, originally equip and furnish an addition or additions to Memorial School and for the remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to the existing Memorial School, including the costs incidental and related to the carrying out of these projects and their financing.

Question 2: "Shall the Town of Hopedale be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issue in order to construct, originally equip and furnish a swimming pool addition to a new high school, including the costs incidental and related to the carrying out of these projects and their financing.

Question 3: Shall the Town of Hopedale pay 50% of the cost of providing a Dental Health Plan for all full-time town employees.


The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This warrant shall be posted in three public places, one of which shall be in The Town Hall, as required by Town By-Laws. You shall make your return to the Town Clerk.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE this 16th day of May, 1988


Annette Lawson, Chair

SELECTMEN


John J. Bacon, Member

OF

HOPEDALE


Constable of Hopedale


Robert E. Barrows, Member

ELECTION RESULTS

JUNE 14, 1988

Town Clerk Robert S. Phillips announced the results at 9:07 P.M., as follows:

Question 1:	Yes; 458	No; 1,070	Blanks; 3
Question 2:	Yes; 249	No; 1,278	Blanks; 4
Question 3:	Yes; 585	No; 933	Blanks; 13

1,531 voters cast ballots in this election.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
OCTOBER 27, 1987

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M., to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money under Chapter 44 M.G.L. in anticipation of reimbursement from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering under Chapter 303 of the Acts of 1987, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for capital expenditures associated with the replacement of a 6" water main on Park Street and the rehabilitation of the Greene Street Well, to be funded through anticipated receipts under Chapter 41, Section 69B, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through transfer from the Reserved for Appropriation Account to the Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Account a sum of money for work performed relating to the clean up of Hurricane Gloria, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase the Fire Department Salary Account, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept an equal educational opportunity grant for the fiscal year 1988 in the amount of \$276,646.00 under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be paid by the Commonwealth to and expended by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee for direct services expenditures, or take any action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee Member)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 26 of the Annual Town meeting of April 7, 1986, in the amount of \$210,000.00 for the purchase of two school buses for the School Department and one pumper for the Fire Department and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,465.00 for the purchase of two school buses (59,090) and one fire pumper (141,375) and to effect this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow through a five year bond issue in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 9, or any other enabling authority, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the funds necessary to defray the replacement of the Freedom Street Bridge under Chapter 44 M.G.L. in anticipation of reimbursement from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works under the State Sub-Standard Bridge Program; said funds to be expended by the Board of Road Commissioners under the Direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8J, relative to the establishment of a Commission on the Handicapped including the powers, duties, membership, and terms, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen) A copy of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8J, is attached to this warrant.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Hopedale by adding a new chapter thereto which would establish a "Hopedale Commission on the Handicapped" as follows;

Section 1. Establishment.

There shall be a Hopedale Commission on the Handicapped.

Section 2. Function and Purpose.

It shall be the function of the Commission to:

- a) Act as a centralizing force in the Town of Hopedale and the community which will deal with all handicapped issues: providing information, referral, guidance, coordination, offering and providing technical assistance to other public agencies and private persons, organizations and institutions engaged in activities and programs intended to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against person(s) with handicap(s) because of their status as a person with a handicap, or as a minority person with a handicap.
- b) Take such action as the Commission considers appropriate to insure the equal status of person(s) with a handicap(s) of every race, creed, color, national origin, age and sexual preference.
- c) Assure that no otherwise qualified individual with a handicap in the Town of Hopedale shall, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity within the Town of Hopedale.

Section 3. Definition of a Person with a Handicap.

For purposes of this Ordinance, a person with a handicap shall be defined as any person who: (1) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; (2) has a record of such an impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such impairments.

Section 4. Powers and Duties.

The powers and duties of the Commission shall include the following:

- a) To insure the equal status of the handicapped in education, employment, economic, political, health, legal and social spheres.
- b) To design and implement programs that promote equality for all handicapped in the Town.
- c) To review recommendations and policies of all departments and agencies of the Town.
- d) To initiate, coordinate, and monitor the enactment of legislation which promotes equal status of the handicapped on the municipal, state and federal levels, and to insure that appropriate regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to such legislation, including, but not limited to implementation of Section 504.
- e) To assist in the planning and coordination of activities of all departments.
- f) To participate in an advisory capacity in the hearing of complaints brought alleging discrimination against the handicapped.
- g) To obtain from Town departments and agencies any and all information necessary to carry out the functions, purposes, programs and activities of the Commission.
- h) To assist in public awareness of the handicapped through participation in public and media events sponsored by the Administrative and/or Legislative bodies of the Town including, but not limited to, Town sponsored recreational, educational and developmental activities.
- i) To raise funds for the use of the Commission in accordance with established procedures and statutes and to accept money, gifts and services for its exclusive use and expend or use the same, and subject to appropriation or to receipt of such money, gifts and services, employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants.
- j) To be an active and participating member of appropriate organizations dealing with issues affecting the handicapped.
- k) To recruit and recommend prospective members to the Commission subsequent to appointment by the Board of Selectmen.
- l) To serve on the Commission without compensation with the understanding that they will be reimbursed for any expense which may reasonably be incurred through service as a member of the Commission.
- m) To acquire, analyze, use and store handicapped related statistics and related materials in conjunction with the Hopedale Public Library for program planning and evaluation purposes.

- n) To hold at least ten regular meetings throughout the year and to conduct additional meetings as necessary.
- o) Such other powers and duties as may be agreed on by the Board of Selectmen and the Commission.

Section 5. Membership, Appointment, Term, Removal.

- a) The Commission shall consist of 7 members, all of whom shall be appointed initially by the Board of Selectmen. Of the members, at least 3 shall be persons with a handicap, as defined in Section 3 of this Ordinance, and represent as many cross-disabilities from the handicapped community as possible. The remaining members shall be parents, friends, or other interested persons of the handicapped. These members shall initially serve for the following terms:
 - 1) 3 members shall serve for a one-year term
 - 2) 2 members shall serve for a two-year term
 - 3) 2 members shall serve for a three-year term

After the initial terms, all Commissioners shall be appointed for a term of three years, or take any action in relation thereto.
(Board of Selectmen)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray a portion of the expenses associated with the software purchase for Real Estate, Personal Property and Excise Tax collections, through transfer from the Reserved for Appropriation Account to the General Office Contracted Services account, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of land from W.G.B. Construction Company consisting of approximately 9.5 acres and being a portion of land as shown on the Assessors Map as Parcel #1171, with the use of this land being restricted to education, conservation or recreational purposes, or take any action in relation thereto. (School Committee)

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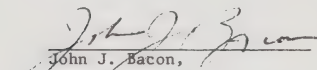
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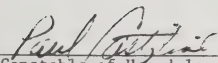
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of October, 1987.


Robert E. Barrows,
Chairman


Annette Lawson,
Member


John J. Bacon,
Member

ATTEST: 
Constable of Hopedale

ARTICLE #8

§ 8J. Handicapped commission; powers and duties; members; terms

A city which accepts the provisions of this section by vote of its city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, or town which accepts the provisions of this section by vote of its inhabitants at an annual meeting or at a special meeting is hereby authorized to establish a handicapped commission, hereinafter called the commission, for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the handicapped in coordination with programs of the office of handicapped affairs. Said commission shall research local problems of the handicapped and shall coordinate the activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare, print, and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets necessary for its work. Said commission shall keep records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report which shall be printed in the city or town annual report and shall have at least six meetings annually.

Said commission shall consist of not more than seven members. In cities, the members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provisions of the city charter except that in cities having a Plan D or Plan E form of government, said appointments shall be by the city manager, subject to the provisions of the charter; and in towns they shall be appointed by the selectmen, except towns having a manager form of government, in which towns appointments shall be made by the town manager, subject to the approval of the selectmen and except towns having a town council form of government, the town manager. A majority of said commission members shall consist of handicapped persons and one of such members may be a member of the immediate family of such handicapped person and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of that city or town. The terms of the first members of said commission shall be for one, two or three years, and so arranged that the term of one of the members expires each year, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each. Any member of said commission may, after a public hearing, if so requested, be removed for cause by the appointing authority. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. The chairman of the commission shall be chosen by a majority vote of said commission members.

Said commission may receive gifts of property, both real and personal, in the name of the city or town, subject to the approval of the city council in a city or the selectmen in a town, such gifts to be managed and controlled by said commission for the purposes of this section.

Added by St.1983, c. 75.

Historical Note

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ARTICLE 13

CHAPTER 14 DOG LEASH LAW

Section 1. Prohibition Against Unleashed Dogs

No person keeping, owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any dog shall cause, permit, suffer or allow the dog to stray, run be or go, in any manner at large in or upon any public street way, sidewalk, school yard or grounds, park or private property of others without the express consent of the owner of such private property, except such dog that may be under control by means of a chain or leash, not longer than six feet in length.

Section 2. Authority and Duties of Dog Officer

Any dog found to be at large in violation of this by-law shall be caught and confined by the dog officer, who shall notify forthwith the licensed owner or keeper of said dog. The owner or keeper of said dog shall have seven days from receipt of notice thereof to reclaim said dog from the dog officer. Return of the dog to the licensed owner or keeper shall be dependent on admission of ownership or the keeping of the dog, the assumption of responsibility thereof, and the payment of any fee or charges due for such confinement as provided by this by-law.

Section 3. Fees for Dogs Confined

The owner or keeper of any dog so confined by the Dog Officer, under the provisions of this by-law, shall be responsible for a fee of \$10.00 per day for each day of confinement, for the costs of such care and maintenance of such dog.

Section 4. Disposal of Unclaimed Dogs

Any dog under confinement of the Dog Officer that shall not have been claimed by the owner or keeper at the end of the said seven day period shall be transferred or sold to the care and control of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or some other similar organization or person offering to pay all charges for confinement. In no case shall a dog be sold or delivered or given to any person or organization intending to use said dog for vivisection purposes.

Section 5. Rabies Vaccinations

No person or organization shall own or keep in this town any dog which has not been vaccinated against rabies within 24 months. This section shall not apply to dogs under six months of age.

Section 6. Noisy or Biting Dogs--Confinement of Unspayed Female Dogs

No person or organization shall own or keep in this town any dog that bites, or by barking, howling, or in any other manner disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or endangers the safety of any person. No person or organization shall own or keep any unspayed female dog in season when not confined in an adequate enclosure on the property or housed in a veterinarian hospital or registered kennel. It shall be the duty of the Dog Officer to apprehend any such dog and to impound such dog in a suitable place, or to order the owner thereof to restrain such dog. Any dog so impounded may be reclaimed or disposed of as provided in Section 3 or 4.

Section 7. License Fees and Procedure

The annual fee for every dog license shall be four dollars for a male dog and seven dollars for a female dog unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation certified that such female dog has been spayed, in which case the fee shall be four dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town Clerk within the Commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that such operation has been performed. If the Town Clerk is satisfied that a certificate of the veterinarian who spayed the dog cannot be obtained, he may accept in lieu thereof a statement signed under the penalties of perjury by a registered veterinarian doing business in this commonwealth stating that he has examined said dog and that it appears in his opinion to have been spayed. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog specially trained to lead or serve blind persons, provided a certificate attesting to same is provided by the division of the blind. April 15th is established as the deadline date for procurement of a dog license. After that date, a penalty charge of one dollar will be added to the license fee.

No kennel license shall be issued in the town and no person or household shall keep more than three (3) dogs over the age of three (3) months. This provision shall not apply to the Dog Officer, who may keep dogs in accordance with his duties.

Section 8. Exception

The provisions of this by-law shall not apply to any person or organization who owns, keeps or maintains any dog as a part of a canine corps for the commonwealth or any of its political sub-divisions while actually engaged in the performance of official duties.

Section 9. Authority to Prosecute Violations

The Dog Officer, and/or the Police Department, of the Town shall prosecute any violations of this by-law.

Section 10. Penalties

A violation of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of \$20.00 for the first offense, \$40.00 for the second offense and \$50.00 for the third or subsequent offense during any one calendar year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 1987

ARTICLE 1: Favorable- Allows the Treasurer to borrow \$100,000 in anticipation of 100% reimbursement from the State Department of Environmental Quality Engineering.

ARTICLE 2: Favorable- Increases the Capital Outlay Account for the Water Department by \$55,000 to accomplish the repair of a water main on Park Street and the completion of the Greene Street well. The funds for this appropriation are from Water Department revenues and do not effect the tax rate.

ARTICLE 3: Favorable- A transfer of \$1,700 from the Reserved for Appropriation Account to the Sewer Department to reimburse the Sewer Department for work performed and paid for by them in conjunction with the final clean-up of Hurricane Gloria.

ARTICLE 4: Recommendation to come from the floor.

ARTICLE 5: Favorable- Acceptance of a state grant for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School.

ARTICLE 6: Favorable- This article is technical in nature to correct the towns books to reflect the actual funds borrowed vs. amounts previously authorized to be borrowed.

ARTICLE 7: Favorable- Allows the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement from the State Sub-standard Bridge program.

ARTICLE 8: Favorable- Accepts state law to establish a Commission for the Handicapped.

ARTICLE 9: Favorable- Adopts Town By-Law for a Commission for the Handicapped.

ARTICLE 10: Favorable- Transfer from the Reserved for Appropriation Account to the General Office the sum of \$3,360 to purchase the required software for the collection of excise taxes.

ARTICLE 11: Favorable- Accepting a Gift of Land from W.G.B. Construction Company for school, recreational and conservation purposes.

ARTICLE 12: Favorable- Acceptance of a state law relative to the control of dogs, as recommended by the Attorney Generals Office.

ARTICLE 13: Favorable- Re-acceptance of the Dog Control By-Law as previously adopted by the April Town Meeting.

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:30 P.M. There being a quorum present the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1: Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to \$100,000 under Chapter 44, Massachusetts General Laws in anticipation of reimbursement from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering under Chapter 303 of the Acts of 1987.

Article 2: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for capital expenses associated with the replacement of a 6" water main on Park Street and the rehabilitation of the Greene Street well. Said appropriation to be funded through anticipated receipts under Chapter 41, Section 69B.

Article 3: Voted to transfer from the Reserved for Appropriation Account to the Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Account the sum of \$1,700 for work performed relating to the clean-up of Hurricane Gloria.

Article 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,949 to increase the Fire Department Salary Account from \$110,700 to \$113,649.

Article 5: Voted to accept an equal educational opportunity grant for the fiscal year 1988 in the amount of \$276,646.00 under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be paid by the Commonwealth to and expended by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional school District Committee for direct services expenditures.

Article 6: Voted to rescind the action taken under Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 7, 1986, in the amount of \$210,000.00 for the purchase of two school buses for the School Department and one pumper for the Fire Department and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,465.00 for the purchase of two school buses (\$59,090) and one fire pumper (\$141,375) and to effect this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow through a five year bond issue in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 9, or any other enabling authority.

Article 7: Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to \$300,000 to defray the replacement of the Freedom Street Bridge under Chapter 44, M.G.L. in anticipation of reimbursement from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works under the State Sub-standard Bridge Program; said funds to be expended by the Board of Road Commissioners under the Direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 8: Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8J, relative to the establishment of a Commission for the Handicapped. (Chapter 40, Section 8J is attached to these minutes as exhibit "A".)

Article 9: On a motion duly made and seconded this article as printed within the warrant was placed on the floor for discussion. Members of the Commission for the Handicapped wanted to clarify Section 5, paragraph (a) and offered the following amendment;

"A majority of said commission members shall consist of handicapped persons and one of such members may be a member of the immediate family of such handicapped person, and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of the town."

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment and this passed. The main motion, as amended, as unanimously voted. The adopted text, as amended and voted follows:

Section 1. Establishment.

There shall be a Hopedale Commission on the Handicapped.

Section 2. Function and purpose.

It shall be the function of the Commission to:

- a) Act as a centralizing force in the Town of Hopedale and the community which will deal with all handicapped issues: providing information, referral, guidance, coordination, offering and providing technical assistance to other public agencies and private persons, organizations and institutions engaged in activities and programs intended to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against person(s) with handicap(s) because of their status as a person with a handicap, or as a minority person with a handicap.
- b) Take such action as the Commission considers appropriate to insure the equal status of person(s) with a handicap(s) of every race, creed, color, national origin, age and sexual preference.
- c) Assure that no otherwise qualified individual with a handicap in the Town of Hopedale shall, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity within the Town of Hopedale.

Section 3. Definition of a Person with a Handicap.

For purposes of this Ordinance, a person with a handicap shall be defined as any person who: (1) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; (2) has a record of such an impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such impairments.

Section 4. Powers and Duties.

The powers and duties of the Commission shall include the following:

- a) To insure the equal status of the handicapped in education, employment, economic, political, health, legal and social spheres.
- b) To design and implement programs that promote equality for all handicapped in the Town.
- c) To review recommendations and policies of all departments and agencies of the Town.
- d) To initiate, coordinate, and monitor the enactment of legislation which promotes equal status of the handicapped on the municipal, state, and federal levels and to insure that appropriate regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to such legislation, including, but not limited to implementation of Section 504.
- e) To assist in the planning and coordination of activities of all departments.
- f) To participate in an advisory capacity in the hearing of complaints brought alleging discrimination against the handicapped.
- g) To obtain from Town departments and agencies any and all information necessary to carry out the functions, purposes, programs and activities of the Commission.
- h) To assist in public awareness of the handicapped through participation in public and media events sponsored by the Administrative and/or Legislative bodies of the Town including, but not limited to, Town sponsored recreational, educational and developmental activities.
- i) To raise funds for the use of the Commission in accordance with established procedures and statutes and to accept money, gifts and services for its exclusive use and expend or use the same, and subject to appropriation or to receipt of such money, gifts and services, employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants.
- j) To be an active and participating member of appropriate organizations dealing with issues affecting the handicapped.
- k) To recruit and recommend prospective members to the Commission subsequent to appointment by the Board of Selectmen.
- l) To serve on the Commission without compensation, with the understanding that they will be reimbursed for any expense which may reasonably be incurred through service as a member of the Commission.
- m) To acquire, analyze, use, and store handicapped related statistics and related materials in conjunction with the Hopedale Public Library for program planning and evaluation purposes.

- n) To hold at least ten regular meetings throughout the year and to conduct additional meetings as necessary.
- o) Such other powers and duties as may be agreed on by the Board of Selectmen and the Commission.

Section 5. Membership, Appointment, Term, Removal.

The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be initially appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

A majority of said Commission members shall consist of handicapped persons and one of such members may be a member of the immediate family of such handicapped person, and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of the town. These members shall initially serve for the following terms:

- a) 3 members shall serve for a one-year term
- b) 2 members shall serve for a two-year term
- c) 2 members shall serve for a three-year term

After the initial terms, all Commissioners shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Article 10: Voted to transfer from the Reserved for Appropriation Account to the General Government Contracted Services Account the sum of \$3,360 for the purchases of software and associated expenses for the collection of excise taxes.

Article 11: Voted to accept a gift of land from W.G.B. Development, Inc., consisting of approximately 9.08 acres and being a portion of land as shown on the Assessors Map as Parcel #1171, with the use of this land being restricted to education or recreational purposes. Said land to be under control of the School Committee, fully set forth and described as follows: (See exhibit "B", as attached to these minutes).

Article 12: Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L.A. Chapter 140, Section 147A.

Article 13: A motion was made to amend Chapter 14 of the Town By-Laws relative to dog control by repealing the present and substituting in its place a new Chapter 14, as set forth in the text attached to this warrant.

This motion was duly seconded and discussion ensued on the floor which resulted in the following amendment being moved:

"During the months of January, February and March, Section 1 shall not apply."

After some discussion a motion was made and carried by Chairwoman of the Selectman Annette Lawson to move the question. The amendment was put to a vote by the Moderator and the motion to amend failed.

There was some additional debate on the main motion and after all parties were heard the motion, as originally presented, passed on a voice vote. (See exhibit "C" attached to these minutes).

Chairwoman Lawson moved to dissolve the warrant and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

EXHIBIT "A"

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW

CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8J

ARTICLE 8

8J. Handicapped Commission; powers and duties; members; terms

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The Dog Officer, and/or the Police Department, of the Town shall prosecute any violations of this by-law.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
TOWN WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 4, 1988

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Monday, April 4, 1988 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following articles, namely;

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and any other offices, departments and committees of said town. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see what salary and compensation the Town will allow each elected officer for his/her services. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 1988, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provision of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Treasurer)

Article 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1989 as permitted by MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action in relation thereto. (Treasurer)

Article 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell by sale or public auction any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure to tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefore, authority to expire May 1, 1989, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public or private sale, for such price as they consider equitable, and upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary, parcels of vacant land presently under the control of the Board of Selectmen and not required for municipal purposes. The total area of land sold to any one person not to exceed one (1) acre.

A record of all sales giving the name and addresses of the purchasers, the area and location of the land sold and the price sold therefore shall be kept by the Selectmen and shall be available for public inspection at a reasonable times. Authority therefore to expire July 1, 1989, or take any action in relation thereto.
(Board of Selectmen)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate through assessments as provided under Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the Bond Issue payments of the Sewer Department, or take any action in relation thereto.
(Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer under Chapter 83, Section 16, certain anticipated receipts for the operational expenses of the Sewer Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer under Chapter 41, Section 69B, certain anticipated receipts for the operational expenses of the Water Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for insect pest control. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay its share of the costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the towns assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School, or take any action in relation thereto.
(Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee Member)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used by the Blackstone Valley Regional Development Corporation, or take any action in relation thereto. (Member, Blackstone Valley Regional Development Corporation)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of the remaining portion of Hammond Road as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Gaskill Circle as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Road Commissioners to appoint a member of the Board of Road Commissioners as the paid Road Inspector for Fiscal Year 1989, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 19: To see what disposition the Town will make of funds for Fiscal Year 1989 as may be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for maintenance of public roads, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the Red Shop, or take any action in relation thereto. (Red Shop Preservation Committee)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, as contained in the Finance Committee report. (Finance Committee)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of securing engineering services and/or architectural design services to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for the rehabilitation, renovation and/or addition to the Public Safety Building or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for Capital Expenditures through purchasing, bonding, or leasing in various departments, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund certain sums of money for Capital Expenditures in various town departments, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, Section 26C, regarding smoke and heat detectors for dwellings not otherwise regulated, or take any action in relation thereto. (Fire Chief; complete text attached to this warrant).

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, Section 26E, regarding local option for smoke detectors in private dwellings, or take any action in relation thereto. (Fire Chief; complete text attached to this warrant).

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, Section 26H, regarding the requirement to install automatic sprinkler systems in Boarding Houses, or take any action in relation thereto. (Fire Chief; complete text attached to this warrant).

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund as provided under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend the towns zoning map dated May 1, 1973, by changing from C to RB a certain parcel of land owned by Kenneth Evans located Easterly of South Main Street and Southerly of Howard Street, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY 870± feet by the Hopedale-Milford Town Line and other land of Kenneth Evans;

SOUTHERLY 775± feet by land of Irene Downen;

WESTERLY 265± feet by other land of Kenneth Evans bounded by the existing Residential B zone.

Said parcel to be rezoned contains 100,000 square feet, more or less, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Law, Chapter 8: Streets and Highways, by adding Section 14, as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

"No person shall cause any damage to or obstruction of any area of the town taking on a public way including all curbing, (defined as stone, granite, cement, or berm) material and sidewalks as may be contained within said public way owned by the Town. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$25.00 for each offense. (Road Commissioners)

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Road Commissioners under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen to sell by public bid surplus Highway Department vehicles if in the opinion of the Board of Road Commissioners that it is in the public interest to do so, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

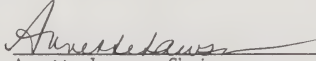
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

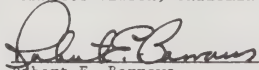
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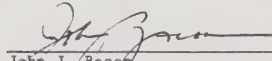
SELECTMEN

OF

HOPEDALE


Annette Lawson, Chairman


Robert E. Barrows


John J. Bacon

ATTEST:


Constable of Hopedale

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS; CHAPTER 148

SECTION 26C. Smoke or Heat Detectors for Dwellings Not Otherwise Regulated.

In any city or town which accepts this section, apartment houses containing six or more dwelling units, hotels, boarding or lodging houses, or family hotels which are not regulated by sections twenty-six A and twenty-six B shall be equipped with an automatic smoke or heat detector in each dwelling unit and each hallway floor.

The head of the fire department as defined in section one shall enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION 26E. Local Option for Smoke Detectors in Private Dwellings.

In any city or town which accepts this section, buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes, and not regulated by sections twenty-six A, twenty-six B, or twenty-six C shall, within one year of the date of such acceptance, be equipped with an approved monitored battery power smoke detector or an approved primary power smoke detector. For buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes and containing a maximum of two dwelling units, either an approved monitored battery power smoke detector or an approved primary power smoke detector shall be installed on each level of habitation and on the basement level; provided, however, that the head of the fire department shall allow the installation of approved monitored battery power smoke detectors. Such approved monitored battery power smoke detector or approved primary power smoke detector shall be installed in the following manner: an approved monitored battery power smoke detector or an approved primary power smoke detector shall be installed on the ceiling of each stairway leading to the floor above, near the base of, but not within each stairway and an approved monitored battery power smoke detector or an approved primary power smoke detector shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area. For buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes and containing not less than three nor more than five dwelling units, either an approved monitored battery power smoke detector or an approved primary power smoke detector shall be installed in each dwelling unit outside each separate sleeping area; provided, however, that the head of the fire department shall allow the installation of approved monitored battery power smoke detectors; and provided, further, that in all common hallways of said residential buildings or structures a series of interconnected approved primary power smoke detectors shall be installed. The head of the fire department shall enforce the provisions of this section. The provisions of section thirty shall not apply to this section.

SECTION 26 H. Requiring Automatic Sprinklers in Boarding Houses.

In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, every lodging house or boarding house shall be protected throughout with an adequate system of automatic sprinklers in accordance with the provisions of the state building code. No such sprinkler system shall be required unless sufficient water and water pressure exists. In such buildings or in certain areas of such buildings, where the discharge of water would be an actual danger in the event of a fire, the head of the fire department shall permit the installation of such other fire suppressant systems as are prescribed by the state building code in lieu of automatic sprinklers. The head of the fire department shall enforce the provisions of this section.

For the purposes of this section "Lodging house" or "boarding house" shall mean a house where lodgings are let to six or more persons not within the second degree of kindred to the person conducting it, but shall not include fraternity houses or dormitories, rest homes or group residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the commonwealth.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 1988

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

Town revenues, in the form of real estate taxes, local receipts, and state aid grew more modestly this year than in FY 1988.

New construction, which added approximately \$500,000 to our tax levy last year, has been reduced to less than \$100,000 for the coming fiscal year.

A comparison of Hopedale's income, by category, is summarized below:

	FY 1988	FY 1989
R.E. Taxes	\$ 3,529,165	\$ 3,712,144
Local Receipts	\$ 963,009	\$ 1,032,090
State Aid (Net)	\$ 1,304,050	\$ 1,395,990
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Totals	\$ 5,796,224	\$ 6,140,224

Total Revenue Growth : \$ 344,000

Departmental budgets have increased by \$ 630,899, which is greater than our revenue growth. This is possible because of the significant amount of non-recurring expenditures made in FY 1988.

For FY 1989, the Finance Committee has tried to limit favorable recommendations to those requests which would not add to our established operating expense base. Accordingly, recommendations for additional vehicles and personnel are not at the requested levels.

Modest increases (or level funding) in town department spending will have to be anticipated for the near future. As the town's building and population growth level off, so should department spending.

The goal during this period should not be to expand services to the community. We should, on the other hand, be seeking to increase efficiency of town departments, that is, performing services at present levels without additional expenditures.

Highlights of the proposed budget for FY 1989 include:

- o An increase in the School Department budget of \$486,000 or 17.5%.
- o \$ 36,530 to be added to the town's Stabilization Fund.
- o Recommended purchases of portable voting booths and an electronic vote counter, costing \$2,500 and \$7,400, respectively.
- o \$5,000 for the services of an engineer to address structural problems at the Public Safety Building.

For the Hopedale Finance Committee,
Donald D. Comastra, Chairman

Stephen Dawley, Vice Chairman
Victor Lamothe, Secretary
Raymond Andreotti
Richard Martin
James Silva
Alfred Sparling

RECOMMENDATIONS

	<u>FY'88</u>	<u>FY'89</u>	<u>Total</u>
Article 2: Favorable, Salaries of Elected Officials			
Selectman, Chairman	1,000	1,000	
Selectmen, Members	850*	850*	
Moderator	200	200	
Town Clerk	5,000	5,000	
Tree Warden	600	600	
Board of Health, Chairman	500	500	
Board of Health, Members	450*	450*	
Road Commissioners, Chairman	500	500	
Road Commissioners, Members	450*	450*	
Park Commissioners, Chairman	300	300	
Park Commissioners, Members	250*	250*	
Sewer Commissioners, Chairman	500	500	
Sewer Commissioners, Members	450*	450*	
Total	13,500	13,500	0
Article 3: Favorable, Legal Proceedings			0
Article 4: Favorable; Treasurer, borrowing money			0
Article 5: Favorable; Treasurer, compensating balance accounts			0
Article 6: Favorable; Foreclosure, tax payments			0
Article 7: Favorable; selling of land, less than one (1) acre			0

*Each

	<u>FY'88</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>Recom.</u>	Total
Article 8: Favorable Sewer Bond Issue	127,745	125,465	125,465	125,465
Article 9: Favorable Sewer Deaprtment	210,900	251,700	251,700	251,700
Article 10: Favorable Water Department	258,750	260,450	260,450	260,450
Article 11: Favorable Insect Pest Control	300	300	300	300
Article 12: Favorable Dutch Elm Disease	1,000	500	500	500
Article 13: Favorable Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission	647	663	663	663
Article 14: Favorable Blackstone Valley School	21,713	23,958	23,958	23,958
Article 15: Favorable Blackstone Valley Regional Development Corporation	2,000	500	500	500
Article 16: Favorable; Hammond Road (if rec'd by Road Comm.)				
Article 17: Favorable; Gaskill Circle (if rec'd by Road Comm.)				
Article 18: Favorable; Appointment of Road Inspector				
Article 19: Favorable; Acceptance of State Highway Grants				
Article 20: Favorable; Red Shop Maintenance	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Article 21: Favorable; Department Budgets as follows:				

	<u>FY'88</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>REQUEST</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>RECOM.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SALARIES, ELECTED OFFICIALS	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500
GENERAL OFFICE				
Salaries & Overtime	68,700	71,800	71,773	
Other	27,687	29,737	29,737	
Contracted Service	0	11,500	11,400	
Audit	0	7,000	7,000	
Total	96,387	120,037	119,910	
SELECTMEN	2,500	3,800	3,300	
TOWN HALL				
Salaries	3,098	3,222	3,222	
Heating Oil	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Utilities	3,000	3,100	3,100	
Other	4,000	8,000	8,000	
Total	20,098	24,322	24,322	
ASSESSORS				
Salaries	53,340	56,807	55,473	
Other	23,100	14,700	14,700	
Total	76,440	71,507	70,173	
BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
Salaries	1,302	1,302	1,302	
Other	50	50	50	
Total	1,352	1,352	1,352	
FINANCE COMMITTEE	250	2,290	2,290	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS				
Notice Fees	500	500	500	
Zoning Books	500	0	0	
Total	1,000	500	500	
TOWN CLERK				
Salaries	2,675	2,782	2,782	
Other	5,095	5,122	5,122	
Total	7,770	7,904	7,904	
DOG OFFICER				
Salaries	3,196	4,100	4,100	
Other	1,050	1,050	1,050	
Total	4,246	5,150	5,150	
TOWN COUNSEL				
Salary	6,500	6,500	6,500	
Other	100	100	100	
Outside Counsel	10,000	2,500	2,500	
Total	16,600	9,100	9,100	

	<u>FY'88</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>REQUEST</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>RECOM.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BUILDING DEPARTMENT				
Building Commissioner	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Asst. Building Inspector	1,200	1,200	1,200	
Wiring Inspector	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Plumbing Inspector	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Other	3,050	1,050	1,050	
Total	19,250	17,250	17,250	
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	50	50	50	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	125	125	100	
PLANNING BOARD	400	400	100	
ELECTION EXPENSES	1,300	12,150	12,150	
TOTAL, GENERAL GOVERNMENT	247,768	275,910	273,651	273,651
HEALTH AND SANITATION				
Rubbish Collection	225,000	225,000	225,000	
Other	4,029	3,754	3,754	
Total	229,029	228,754	228,754	228,754
VETERAN'S BENEFITS				
Salary	2,171	2,258	2,258	
Medical Benefits	19,000	9,000	9,000	
Total	21,171	11,258	11,258	11,258
HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
Other	1,000	490	490	
Historical Inventory	5,000	5,000	2,500	
Total	6,000	5,490	2,990	2,990
LIBRARY				
Salaries	40,650	49,309	49,309	
Books, Supplies	30,531	30,890	29,515	
Utilities	10,000	10,500	7,500	
Total	81,181	90,699	86,324	86,324
SCHOOLS	2,799,518	3,465,830	3,285,518	3,285,518
PARK DEPARTMENT				
Salaries	18,912	20,432	20,432	
Other	9,000	43,000	4,700	
Total	27,912	63,432	25,132	25,132

	<u>FY'88</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>REQUEST</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>RECOM.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
COUNCIL ON ARTS				
Band concerts	2,550	2,945	2,945	
Other	50	652	652	
Total	2,550	3,597	3,597	3,597
COUNCIL ON AGING				
Salary	4,000	10,000	10,000	
Other	6,621	7,645	6,621	
Total	10,621	17,645	16,621	16,621
STREET LIGHTING	29,250	30,500	30,500	30,500
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Salaries & O.T.	110,787	118,478	118,478	
Other	153,394	145,730	113,660	
Total	264,181	264,208	232,408	232,408
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING				
Salary	1,441	1,500	1,500	
Utilities	11,000	13,000	13,000	
Gasoline	11,000	13,000	13,000	
Other	4,900	5,600	5,600	
Total	28,341	33,100	33,100	33,100
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Salaries & O.T.	255,884	276,700	276,700	
Other	38,528	43,550	43,550	
Total	294,372	320,250	320,250	320,250
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Salaries & O.T.	134,200	191,656	165,900	
Other	47,398	172,344	30,090	
Total	181,598	364,000	195,990	195,990
CIVIL DEFENSE	416	416	416	416
TREE WARDEN	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
WEED CONTROL	20,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
COMMISSION FOR THE HANDICAPPED				
Other	0	2,100	600	
Capital Expenses	0	1,500	1,500	
Total	0	3,600	2,100	2,100

	<u>FY'88</u> <u>APPROP.</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>REQUEST</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>RECOM.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
UNCLASSIFIED				
Pensions	28,200	15,400	15,400	
Insurance	128,000	136,500	136,500	
Town Cemetery	1,350	3,384	3,384	
Memorial Day	600	600	600	
Group Insurance	122,500	142,500	142,500	
Medicare	5,800	8,500	8,500	
Total	286,450	306,884	306,884	306,884
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST				
Heating System	16,000	16,000	16,000	
Interest, Heating System	9,400	7,000	7,000	
Public Safety Equipment				
Int., Public Safety Equip.				
Public Safety Energy				
School buses	11,818	11,818	11,818	
Interest, School buses	3,428	3,428	3,428	
Capital Purchases FY'88	0	51,365	51,365	
Interest, Capital Purchases, FY'88	0	14,126	14,126	
Interest on Temporary Loans	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Total	60,646	123,737	123,737	123,737
Article 21: TOTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGETS	4,611,504	5,705,401	5,181,230	5,204,730
Article 22: Favorable; Public Safety Building design services	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Article 23: No action needed	0	0	0	0
Article 24: Favorable; Reserve Fund	48,475	32,000	32,000	32,000
Article 25: Not needed; Pass Over	0			0
Article 26: Favorable; Chapter 148, Section 26C				0
Article 27: Favorable; Chapter 148, Section 26E				0
Article 28: Favorable; Chapter 148, Section 26H				0
Article 29: Favorable; Stabilization Fund	95,584	36,530	36,530	13,030
Article 30: Favorable; Re-zoning of parcel off South Main Street	0	0	0	0
Article 31: Favorable; Amend Town By-Law	0	0	0	0
Article 32: Not needed	0	0	0	0

	<u>FY'88</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY'89</u> <u>Recom.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS:	5,230,400	5,254,760	5,254,760
OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES			
Temporary Loan Interest Deficit	10,000	0	
County Retirement Fund	124,963	159,813	
Cherry Sheet Changes	78,714	7,115	
Overlay Reserve for Abatements	50,000	50,000	
Total	263,677	216,928	216,928
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			
Motor Vehicles Excise Taxes	220,000	245,000	
Licenses and Permits	38,000	25,000	
Fines	15,000	30,000	
General Government	8,000	18,000	
Police & Fire Departments	2,500	1,855	
Health and Sanitation	0	0	
Highways	0	0	
Library	300	500	
Country Club Rental	7,500	7,500	
Interest Earned	20,000	36,000	
Overlay Surplus	0	11,000	
Water and Sewer Departments	565,795	637,615	
Cherry Sheet Receipts	1,382,764	1,403,105	
Town Hall Rentals	6,000	6,000	
Other	400	6,505	
TOTAL:	2,267,059	2,428,080	2,428,080
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TOTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGETS	5,204,730		
Water and Sewer	637,615		
Insect Pest Control	300		
Dutch Elm Disease	500		
Stabilization Fund	13,030		
Reserve Fund	32,000		
Central Massachusetts Planning	663		
Blackstone Valley School	23,958		
Blackstone Valley Regional			
Development Corporation	500		
Red Shop Repairs	5,000		
Design; Public Safety Building	5,000		
TOTAL OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	742,066		
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS	5,923,296	5,923,296	
Plus other Local Expenditures		216,928	
Total Recommended Expenditures		6,140,224	
Minus Total Estimated Receipts		2,428,080	
Net to be raised		3,712,144	
Allowable Tax Levy		3,712,144	
Surplus		0	

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 4, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Moderator Bernard J. Stock.

Article 1: Selectman Barrows moved that the Town vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and any other officers, departments and committees of said Town. Motion was unanimously voted.

Article 2: On a motion by Selectman Bacon it was unanimously voted to allow each elected officer for his/her services the following compensation:

Moderator	200.00
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	1,000.00
2nd Member, Board of Selectmen	850.00
3rd Member, Board of Selectmen	850.00
Town Clerk	5,000.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Chairman, Board of Health	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Health	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Health	450.00
Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Road Commissioners	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Road Commissioners	450.00
Chairman, Park Commissioners	300.00
2nd Member, Park Commissioners	250.00
3rd Member, Park Commissioners	250.00
Chairman, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners	450.00

Article 3: On a motion by Chairman Lawson it was unanimously voted to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

- Article 4: On a motion by Treasurer/Collector Russell Dennett it was unanimously voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 1988, in accordance with the provision of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.
- Article 5: On a motion by Treasurer/Collector Russell it was unanimously Voted to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 1989 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.
- Article 6: On a motion by Selectman Barrows it was unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell by sale or public auction any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefore, authority to expire May 1, 1989.
- Article 7: On a motion by Selectman Bacon it was unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at a public sale, during a legally convened meeting, for such a price as they deem necessary, parcels of land presently under the control of the Board of Selectmen and not required for any municipal purposes. The total area of land sold to any one person shall not exceed one acre. A record of all sales giving the name and addresses of the purchases, and the area and location of the land sold and the price sold therefore, shall be kept by the Selectmen and shall be available for public inspection at all reasonable times. Authority therefore to expire July 1, 1989.
- Article 8: On a motion by Commissioner Mooradian it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$125,465.00 through assessment as authorized under Chapter 83, Section 16 to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the Bond Issue payments due, principal and interest, for Fiscal Year 1989.
- Article 9: On a motion by Commissioner Anderson it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$251,700.00 to be collected under Chapter 83, Section 16, for operational expenses of the Sewer Department.
- Article 10: On a motion by Commissioner Phillips it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$260,450.00 to be collected under Chapter 41, Section 69B, for operational expenses of the Water Department.
- Article 11: On a motion by Selectman Bacon it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Insect Pest Control.

- Article 12: On a motion by Selectman Bacon it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease.
- Article 13: On a motion by Chairman Condon it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$663.00 to pay the Towns share of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.
- Article 14: On a motion by Roger Burns it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,958.00 for the Towns assessment for the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.
- Article 15: On a motion by Selectman Lawson it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$500.00 to be used by the Blackstone Valley Regional Development Corporation.
- Article 16: On a motion by Commissioner Noyes it was unanimously voted to accept the deed to and the layout of Hammond Road for a length of 1602.38 feet as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners. Said street being shown on a plan entitled Pinecrest, in Hopedale, Mass. Scale 40 feet to inch, dated May 23, 1984 by Guerriere and Halnon, Inc., 326 West Street, Milford, Mass. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 528, Plan 37. Said layout and description of Hammond Road, including all easements, as shown on said plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth.
- Article 17: On a motion by Commissioner Noyes it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.
- Article 18: On a motion by Commissioner Noyes it was unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Road Commissioners to appoint a member of the Board of Road Commissioners to be the paid Road Inspector for Fiscal Year 1989.
- Article 19: On a motion by Commissioner Noyes it was unanimously voted to allow the Board of Road Commissioners, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, to accept and expend the towns share of funds as contained in the Commonwealths Highway Aid programs for Fiscal Year 1989.
- Article 20: On a motion by Marilyn Barrows it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be used in the continuation of the rehabilitation of the Red Shop and to be spent under the direction of the Red Shop Preservation Commission.

Article 21: Chairman Comastra moved that the town raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, as contained in the Finance Committee report and said motion was duly seconded.

The Chairman then read each line item contained in the Finance Committee report with the following being held:

General Office, Contracted Services	11,400
Assessors	71,173
Schools	3,285,518
Park	25,132
Fire Department, Salaries	143,400
Other	29,090
Total	172,490
Maturing Debt and Interest; Capital Purchases FY'88	51,365

The Moderator called for a vote on all items not being held and said voice vote was unanimous.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee explained the items in General Office and Assessors and after all questions were answered a unanimous voice vote approved the General Government budget of \$273,651.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen addressed the Town Meeting to voice the concern of the Board relative to the size of the increase for Schools compared to all other operating departments within the Town. The Chairman stated that the Selectmen are concerned with all town departments, including schools, being able to provide the services required of them to the residents. She concluded by reminding the voters that at future town meetings a more equitable distribution of available funding will be required to keep all departments functioning at acceptable levels.

On a motion duly made and seconded the School Department budget of \$3,285,518 was passed on a voice vote.

The question on the Park Department budget was answered by Chairman Comastra and on a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to approve the Park Department budget of \$25,132.

Chairman Lawson moved to amend the Finance Committee recommendation for the Fire Department budget from \$172,490 to \$195,990 as follows:

Salary Account	\$22,500
Equipment Account	<u>1,000</u>
for a total of	\$23,500

said sum of money to reduce the Finance Committee recommendation under Article 29 Stabilization Fund from \$36,530 to \$13,030.

Motion was duly seconded and the Chairman explained the reasons for this request were twofold:

One; to provide better fire protection during the daytime hours Monday through Friday by adding one additional firefighter to the normal shift coverage rotation and thus allowing the Chief to work a day shift during the week. She went on to explain this staffing configuration more fully.

Two; to allow the Fire Chief to be in a position to discharge his duties in a more timely and responsible manner.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator then called for a vote on all budgets within Article 21 in the amount of \$5,204,730 and was passed on a voice vote.

Article 22: On a motion by Selectman Barrows it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of securing engineering and/or architectural design services for preliminary plans relative to the rehabilitation, renovation, and/or addition to the Public Safety Building. Said funds to be spend under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 23: On a motion by Chairman Comastra it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 24: On a motion by Chairman Comastra it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 and to add that sum by transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$11,000.00 for a Reserve Fund totaling \$32,000.00.

Article 25: On a motion by Finance Committee Chairman Comastra it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 26: On a motion by Fire Chief Durgin it was voted by voice vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, Section 26C, regarding smoke and heat detectors for dwellings not otherwise regulated; as attached to this warrant.

Article 27: On a motion by Fire Chief Durgin it was voted by voice vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, Section 26E, regarding smoke detectors in private dwellings as attached to this warrant.

Article 28: On a motion by Fire Chief Durgin it was unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, Section 26H, regarding the installation of sprinkler systems in Boarding Houses; as attached to this warrant.

Article 29: On a motion by Chairman Comastra it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,030.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund as provided under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 30: On a motion by Chairman Condon it was unanimously voted to amend the towns zoning map dated May 1, 1973, by changing from C to RB a certain parcel of land owned by Kenneth Evans located Easterly of South main Street and Southerly of Howard Street, bounded and described as follows;

NORTHERLY 870± feet by the Hopedale/Milford Town Line and other land of Kenneth Evans;
SOUTHERLY 775± feet by land of Irene Downen;
WESTERLY 265± feet by other land of Kenneth Evans bounded by the existing Residential B Zone.

Said parcel to be rezoned contains 112,820 s.f., as shown on the Assessor's Map #16, Block #1.

Article 31: On a motion by Road Commissioner Noyes and duly seconded it was moved to amend the Town By-Law, Chapter 8; Streets and Highways by addition Section 14, as follows:

"No person shall cause any damage to or obstruction of any area of the town taking on a public way including all curbing, (defined as stone, granite, cement or berm), material and sidewalks as may be contained within said public way owned by the Town. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$25.00 for each offense."

Discussion ensued on the motion and Raymond Andreotti made a motion to amend by inserting a warning notice for the first citation in each calendar year. Discussion followed on this motion and based on language clarification it was voted to pass over this article until the next Special Town Meeting.

Article 32: On a motion by Chairman Comastra it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

On a motion by Chairman Lawson it was unanimously voted to dissolve the warrant at 9:13 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 10, 1988

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M., to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To see if the town will vote to accept the layout of Gaskill Circle as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town By-Law, Chapter 8: Streets and Highways, by adding Section 14 and 15, as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

Section 14: No vehicle shall be parked with one or more wheels resting on any sidewalk, curbing, or grass planting strip in the Town. The grass planting strip is the area between the paved surface of the street and the paved surface of the sidewalk, or in the case of no sidewalk the area between the paved surface of the street and the end of town owned land.

This section does not apply to municipal vehicles engaged in municipal activities nor to emergency vehicles being operated in response to an emergency, nor to contractors having written permission from the Board of Road Commissioners.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be \$20.00 for each offense.

Section 15: No person shall remove, damage, or in any way make a curb cut on any street in the town without a written permit from the Road Commissioners and according to the specifications for curb cuts and driveways issued by the Road Commissioners. The Road Commissioners may charge an inspection fee to be set annually by the Commissioners for said permit. Any curb cut constructed without a permit or not constructed according to the specifications issued by the Road Commissioners may be closed by the Road Commissioners and the person constructing the same shall be liable to the town for the cost of repairing the curb. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Zoning Map dated May 1, 1973, by re-zoning from RB to C a certain parcel of land located off Hartford Avenue and shown on the Assessors Map as Sheet 25, Block 23, or take any action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

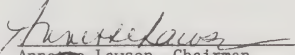
Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee under the provisions of M.G.L.A., Chapter 40, Section 4, to enter into a lease for five years, or less, for a building to be used for educational purposes by the Town of Hopedale School System, or take any other action, or pass any other vote in connection with the foregoing. (School Committee)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the School Building Committee or take any action in relation thereto. (School Building Committee)

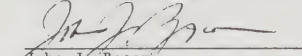
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale at the time of the meeting aforesaid.


Given under our hands this 19th day of April, 1988

SELECTMEN
OF
HOPEDALE


Annette Lawson, Chairman


Robert E. Barrows


John J. Bacon

ATTEST: 
Constable of Hopedale

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 10, 1988

Moderator Bernard J. Stock convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with Town Clerk Robert S. Phillips reading the warrant and return.

Article 1: Road Commissioner Merwin Noyes moved to accept the deed to and the layout of Gaskill Circle for a length of 543.23 feet as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners. Said street being shown on a plan entitled Pinecrest, in Hopedale, Mass. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 528, Plan 37. Said layout and description of Gaskill Circle, including all easements, as shown on said plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth.

There being no discussion on the motion the Moderator called for a vote, with Article 1 passing on a unanimous voice vote.

Article 2: Road Commissioner Merwin Noyes moved to amend the Town By-Law, Chapter 8: Streets and Highways by adding Section 14 and 15, as follows:

Section 14: No vehicle shall be parked with one or more wheels resting on any sidewalk, curbing, or grass planting strip in the Town. The grass planting strip is the area between the paved surface of the street and the paved surface of the sidewalk, or in the case of no sidewalk, the area between the paved surface of the street and the end of town owned land.

This section does not apply to municipal vehicles engaged in municipal activities nor to emergency vehicles being operated in response to an emergency, nor to contractors having written permission from the Board of Road Commissioners.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be \$20.00 for each offense.

Section 15: No person shall remove, damage or in any way make a curb cut on any street in the town without a written permit from the Road Commissioners and according to the specifications for curb cuts and driveways issued by the Road Commissioners. The Road Commissioners may charge an inspection fee to be set annually by the Commissioners for said permit. Any curb cut constructed without a permit or not constructed according to the specifications issued by the Road Commissioners may be closed by the Road Commissioners and the person constructing the same shall be liable to the Town for the cost of repairing the curb.

The motion was duly seconded and a very lengthy discussion followed. Paul Bresciani moved to amend Section 14 by adding a period after the word sidewalk and deleting the balance of the first paragraph, "or in the case of no sidewalk, the area between the paved surface of the street and the end of town owned land". This deletion passed on a majority voice vote and the voters returned to the main article. Further discussions took place on the article as to it's need and the method of enforcing fines under Section 14. All other amendments failed.

Under Section 15 Selectman John Bacon moved to amend the word "may" to "shall" and the amended motion passed on a voice vote.

Moderator Stock then called for a vote on the amended article, as follows:

Section 14: No vehicle shall be parked with one or more wheels resting on any sidewalk, curbing, or grass planting strip in the Town. The grass planting strip is the area between the paved surface of the street and the paved surface of the sidewalk.

This section does not apply to municipal vehicles engaged in municipal activities nor to emergency vehicles being operated in response to an emergency, nor to contractors having written permission from the Board of Road Commissioners.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be \$20.00 for each offense.

Section 15: No person shall remove, damage, or in any way make a curb cut on any street in the town without a written permit from the Road Commissioners and according to the specifications for curb cuts and driveways issued by the Road Commissioners. The Road Commissioners shall charge an inspection fee to be set annually by the Commissioners for said permit. Any curb cut constructed without a permit or not constructed according to the specifications issued by the Road Commissioners shall be closed by the Road Commissioners and the person constructing the same shall be liable to the Town for the cost of repairing the curb.

The amended article passed on a voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 3: Planning Board Chairman, Edward Condon, moved to amend the Town Zoning Map dated May 1, 1973, by re-zoning from RB to C a certain parcel of land located off Hartford Avenue and shown on the Assessor's Map as Sheet 25, Block 23.

Mr. Condon explained the Planning Boards hearing process on this request and the conditions that the Planning Board has incorporated into the covenant for this parcel of land. Some questions were asked on the issue and answered for the voters. The Moderator informed the meeting that a two-thirds vote was required and he would ask for a standing vote if a unanimous voice vote was not heard.

As there were objections to the motion, a standing vote was taken with 213 voters participating. A two-thirds vote required 141 "Yes" votes and the results were 194 "Yes", 19 "No"; with the motion carrying.

The Finance Committee recommended favorable action on this article.

Article 4: Superintendent of Schools Donald Hayes moved that the School Committee be authorized to enter into a five year lease with Joseph Menfi and John Menfi, Trustees of the Best Realty Trust, for a building to be used for educational purposes by the Hopedale School Committee for the sum of \$375,000 of which \$75,000 shall be paid for the first year and the sum of \$75,000 shall be paid each year thereafter.

Said first year rental being presently included in the School Department budget voted at the April 4, 1988 Town Meeting.

The meeting had several questions pertaining to this motion; some of which were of a legal nature. Town Counsel, Attorney Robert S. Phillips, explained in detail his thoughts on the issue and relayed the opinions of others that he had received. After all questions were answered the motion passed on a voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

The Finance Committee recommended favorable action on this article.

Article 5: Chairman of the School Building Committee, Alfred Sparling, moved to hear the report of the School Building Committee.

Mr. Sparling then proceeded to deliver his committees report to the Town Meeting. A complete review of the committees actions and recommendations were presented to the voters and Mr. Sparling explained that information would be forthcoming to each voter relative to the impact of their recommendations prior to the Special Town Election on June 14, 1988.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 9:21 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JUNE 15, 1988

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M., to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain unexpended balances from certain accounts to other accounts for FY'88 to meet a deficit in other accounts, or take any action in relation thereto.
(Finance Committee)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new high school and for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to the Memorial School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the existing Memorial School, including costs incidental and related to the carrying out of the projects and their financing, to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action related thereto. (School Building Committee)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a swimming pool addition to the new high school, including costs incidental and related to the carrying out of the projects and their financing, to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action related thereto. (School Building Committee).

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of April, 1988.

SELECTMEN
OF
HOPEDALE

Annette Lawson
Annette Lawson, Chairman
Robert E. Barrows
Robert E. Barrows

ATTEST: James Gardner
Constable of Hopedale

John J. Bacon
John J. Bacon

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 15, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:38 P.M. with a quorum being present.

Town Clerk Robert S. Phillips read the warrant and return.

Article 1: Chairman of the Finance Committee Donald Comastra moved to transfer the following sums of money for Fiscal Year 1988:

From the Pension Appropriation the sum of \$7,270 to be applied as follows: Group Insurance \$4,000; School Building Committee \$3,000; School Bus Interest \$120; and Cemetery Account \$150.

From the Insurance Appropriation the sum of \$13,900 to be applied as follows: Public Safety Building Repairs \$10,500; and Medicare Insurance \$3,400.

From the Board of Health Appropriation the sum of \$18,400 to be applied as follows: Town Audit \$13,300; Fire Department Overtime and Call Account \$1,500; and Interest on Temporary Loans \$3,600.

From Overlay Surplus the sum of \$28,000 to be applied to Interest on Temporary Loans.

Total amount being transferred under this article is \$67,570 and I further move that any unexpended funds in various departmental accounts, up to the amount that may be required, be transferred by the Town Accountant to the Interest on Temporary Loans Account if said transfer is needed to eliminate the deficit in that account, which was unanimously voted.

Article 2: Alfred Sparling, Chairman of the School Building Committee moved to pass over Article 2 and it was unanimously voted.

Article 3: Alfred Sparling further moved to pass over Article 3 and it was unanimously voted.

Rolland Morin moved to dissolve the warrant at 7:56 P.M.

"The Dale 1700; Hopedale 1841; A Town 1886"

Annette Lawson
Robert E. Barrows
John J. Bacon



John A. Hayes
Town Administrator

***Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747***

The Board of Selectmen held twenty-six regular meetings and six special meetings during fiscal year 1988, the majority of our special meetings involving collective bargaining with our Police and Fire unions.

In the personnel area, the following highlights occurred:

- * Resolved the labor dispute between the Town and Local 2225 last year with assistance from a State Mediator
- * Concluded negotiations between Local 2225 International Association of Firefighters and the Town for a three year contract commencing July 1, 1988
- * Concluded negotiations between Local 164 Massachusetts Coalition of Police and the Town for a three year contract commencing July 1, 1988
- * Entered into a two year professional employment contract with David Durgin as our Fire Chief
- * Entered into a one year professional employment contract with Lieutenant Eugene Costanza of our Police Department
- * Accepted the resignation of Sandra Lombardi, with regret, as our Town Accountant and appointed Kathleen Garabedian to this position
- * Strengthened the Treasurer/Collector position by appointing a full time employee, Carolyn Marcotte, to assume these duties in place of a part time Treasurer/Collector. The Board acknowledges, with gratitude, the four years of service given to the town by M. Russell Dennett as our part time Treasurer/Collector.

The Board handled the routine appointments to various Town Boards as well as the granting of several permits and licenses, as required by law.

This year we instituted an in-house review process for all individuals coming before the Board for appointment or for re-appointment. The Board felt that it was essential to the Town that certain basic criteria be met prior to any appointment being made to any Board or Commission under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen.

During the year we reviewed traffic related problems on the following streets:

Home Park Avenue; Tammie Road; Jones Road; Freedom Street;
Progress Street; Westcott Road; Hammond Road; Mellen Street;
Dutcher Street; Mill Street and Neck Hill Road

Our Police Department was enhanced through the appointments of Victor Best, Richard Mank, Rosemary Naughton and Michael Jones. Officer Best came to us with five years of experience as a Police Officer for the Houston Police Department plus six years as a Military Police Officer. Officers Mank and Naughton reside in Milford and Worcester respectively and have successfully graduated from the required fourteen week course at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Council Training Headquarters. Officer Naughton is the first full time female Police Officer in Hopedale and we wish her and all of our new appointees our best for a safe and productive law enforcement career. Officer Jones will be commencing his training in the early Fall and his anticipated graduation brings the Police Department to the authorized compliment of nine full time departmental personnel.

During our regular meetings this Board participated in the following:

- * Discussions with McLay Associates regarding the future of the old Draper Complex
- * The purchasing of new protective clothing for all of our firefighters
- * With the assistance of the Directors of the Hopedale Foundation, we arranged to make the Draper Gym accessible to the Handicapped and our Senior Citizens and commenced holding elections at this facility rather than the Community House
- * Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Milford/Whitinsville Hospital to provide quality medical care through utilization of their paramedic unit
- * Continued to update the Police Department through the installation of a teletype
- * Adopted a Charter for our Commission on the Handicapped and made initial appointments to that Board
- * Requested and obtained funding for one additional full time firefighter which will allow the Town to have two firefighters on duty during the day shift Monday through Friday

- * Began a review process to explore the establishment of a Housing Partnership Commission for Hopedale and met with State and regional officials to discuss housing issues
- * Called Special Town Meetings in October, May and June to address various town issues
- * Oversaw the installation of street lights in Pinecrest, Phase I
- * After nearly three years the contract for a traffic control signal at the intersection of Mendon and Hopedale Street was awarded by the State and construction has now commenced.
- * Reached an out of court settlement in the amount of \$10,000 on a lawsuit filed against the Town by Harry Neaz
- * Established a committee to review the structural status of our Public Safety Building, with this committee recommending the town proceed to repair the structure
- * Met with officials from Massachusetts Cablevision to open the lines of communication between the Town and the cable company for the benefit of all parties
- * Met with the School Building Committee and granted their request to ask the voters if they wished to exempt the debt to be incurred for a new school from the limits of Proposition 2½
- * Met with State Representative Marie J. Parente for an informal discussion as she will be replacing long time Representative Richard T. Moore through re-districting in January of 1989
- * We welcomed Robin Phipps as Bookkeeper for the General Office
- * Conducted the interview and appointment process in conjunction with the Police Chief; promoting Police Officer James Gardner to the position of Sergeant

We received several resignations during the year from various Board members, we would like to make special mention of the resignation of Eldon Biggs as a member of our Zoning Board of Appeals. Eldon served in this most difficult position for over twenty years and we would like to express our appreciation to him and wish him a happy and well deserved retirement.

And, as always, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our town employees and officials who, through their dedication to public service, make it possible for us to continue to serve you.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

PLANNING BOARD

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND CITIZENS OF HOPEDALE

Submitted below is a summary of the pertinent approvals made by the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1988:

- (2) changes to the Zoning Map
- (4) Approvals of 81-R Plans (Approval required under subdivision control)
- (13) Approvals of 81-P Plans (Approval not required under subdivision control)

In addition, five Public Hearings were conducted, not including those continued to second and third session.

Edward L. Condon
Chairman, Hopedale Planning Board



POLICE DEPARTMENT
40 DUTCHER STREET, P.O. BOX 101
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747
TELEPHONE 617-473-8444

CHIEF OF POLICE
EDWARD P. ALLARD

ANNUAL REPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has continued in its maturation, to provide the residents of Hopedale with a top professional organization. With the consecrated assistance of the departmental personnel, during this fiscal year, officers have attended over one hundred specialized courses and seminars, logging over two thousand hours of training. Obviously, this greatly enhances our ability to provide the residents of Hopedale with a competent and experienced officer to respond to a call of service / need.

The department was authorized a third vehicle as well as other needed equipment. All items greatly assisted in the development of the department as well as the safety of the officers.

Calls for service have increased tremendously. We have faced a twenty-five percent increase in felony arrests alone, as well as a major increase in requests for traffic enforcement. Once again, we ask each resident to do his or her part in complying with the motor vehicle code. Safety on our streets must become a top priority for each and every resident, if we are to prevent our children from being injured. We have developed and will maintain a stringent motor vehicle enforcement program. You can prevent us from using it by taking that extra minute, or two, and comply with the motor vehicle rules and regulations. They were written for your own as well as your family's safety.

The department still faces some serious problems in the communications area, a lack of proper office space and no detention facility. The Board of Selectmen established a Building Safety Committee to review the needs of the Police and Fire Departments and hopefully all issues will be addressed and corrected as expeditiously as possible.

I would like to thank the residents, the Board of Selectmen and all other town boards and department heads for their assistance during the last year. A special thanks to the departmental staff is also in order, as our goal could not have been reached without your help.

Respectfully Submitted;

E. P. Allard

Edward P. Allard
Chief of Police

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

Total Number of Accidents	185
Total Number of Accidents: No Injury	130
Total Number of Accidents: With Injury	54
Total Number of Accidents: With Fatalities	1
Hazardous Motor Vehicle Arrests (not O.U.I)	158
Operating Under Influence Arrests	82
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	2625
Total Number of Civil Citations Issued	1379
Total Number of Complaint Citations Issued	81
Total Number of Warning Citations Issued	1254
Total Number of Parking Citations Issued	755
Total Number of Abandoned Vehicles	14
Total Number of Towed Vehicles	145
Total Number of Stolen Vehicles	17

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number of Investigations	1446
Total Number of Arrest Felony / Adult	41
Total Number of Arrest Felony / Juvenile	19
Total Number of Arrest Misdemeanor / Adult	180
Total Number of Arrest Misdemeanor / Juvenile	41
Total Number of Arrest Warrants Served	87
Total Number of Property Checks	1797
Total Number of Field Interviews / Adult	879
Total Number of Field Interviews / Juvenile	135
Total Number of Recovered Vehicles	12
Total Number of Recovered Bicycles	29
Total Number of Stolen Bicycles	19
Total Number of Summons / 209A Served	145
Total Number of Drug Related Arrest	31
Total Number of Individuals Held Protective Custody	59

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL

Total Number of Patrol Hours	4525
Total Number of Selective Enforcement Hours	1008
Total Number of Outside Agency Assists	495
Total Number of Training Hours	2049
Total Number of Public Talks	29
Total Number of Court Appearances (criminal)	265
Total Number of Court Appearances (civil)	12
Total Number of Administrative Investigations	167



HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING
HOPE STREET
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747
ANNUAL REPORT

1988

During the past fiscal year the Seniors of Hopedale were very busy. They went on nine (9) day trips and three (3) overnight trips. They attended luncheons and birthday parties to honor their special day. At these birthday luncheons people from different organizations came out to attend the parties and also to speak on various subjects of concern to the Elders. Bob O'Byck from BC/BS explained Medicare benefits followed by a question and answer period, representatives from SMOC explained the fuel assistance program and eligibility guidelines and 'Electricity and What It Means to the Consumer' was discussed by people from Yankee Atomic Energy.

The Hopedale Golden Walking Club has put in many walking hours as a group, with some of the heartier members walking through the winter months. The group took part in the 'All American Smokeout' on November 19th by walking and passing out balloons to motorists that said 'Take a Breather' while others carried banners with the slogan 'Breathe Easy, Breathe Free'. In September some took part in the Governor's Walk in Boston. Arlene Blackmore is the leader of the group and coordinates events with Hopedale and other area towns.

The Seniors also hosted a luncheon for Senator Houston on February 4th, the stormiest day of the winter. The Senator was scheduled to visit schools and other facilities in the area, but they all cancelled his afternoon meetings, only our Senior Citizens, about thirty (30) in all, continued on with their plans for his luncheon. Needless to say, Senator Houston was very impressed and appreciative of those who came out, joking with them and explaining the bills he was trying to pass for their welfare.

The Senior Chorus put on three (3) shows for the townspeople of Hopedale during the past year including a Patriotic Program honoring the 200th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States, held on the 3rd of October, 1987. Other programs held were the St. Patrick's Day program on March 16, 1988 and the Christmas program held on

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December 3, 1987. All were a great success. The chorus is under the direction of Lucille Damon, who has them practicing weekly in readiness to sing at different nursing homes in the area, which is much appreciated by the patients.

Four (4) food distributions were held during the past year at the Sacred Heart Church. A great many volunteers are involved in picking up the food, delivering it to those unable to come for it themselves and distribution at the church.

A number of fuel assistance applications were taken in Hopedale this year, with many finding that assistance was available to them from the office in Framingham.

Tax assistance was made available to the Seniors this year for three (3) months. Albert Goodnow from Westboro, working for AARP, prepared and checked their taxes for them.

A number of Senior Citizens volunteered their time to serve on the committee for two (2) bloodmobile drives that were held at the Community House. They also volunteered to make and serve the Red Cross workers a meal each time.

The Arts and Crafts group, instructed by Louise Gartland, made many favors for Milford Hospital food trays, the home delivered meals participants and also for the birthday people each month.

Many Seniors took advantage of the opportunity of having their foot problems alleviated by alternating podiatrists each month. Dr. Michael Biancamano from Whitinsville and Dr. Peter Balian of Milford were the attending podiatrists.

A free flu clinic in October, sponsored by the VNA of Milford, brought out a very large number of Seniors in preparation for the winter months ahead. The VNA also sponsored several well-attended blood pressure clinics throughout the year.

Home Delivered Meals ('Meals-on-Wheels') were delivered five (5) days a week to home-bound Elders by a total of twelve (12) very dedicated volunteers. In a year, 3,640 meals were delivered.

Each week the school bus took fifteen (15) to twenty (20) Elders to nearby banks and stores to do their shopping. Several volunteers accompanied them to help with the shopping and to sort their packages, etc.

Over one hundred (100) Senior Citizens attended the COA's Christmas party. A delicious chicken dinner was catered by Nardo's of Milford. Mike Recchia was Santa Claus and Doc Celozzi's band was hired for their enjoyment. Several banks in the area donated items for prizes and give-aways.

The Senior Center hosted a Sub-Area Advisory Committee meeting in December and a Consortium meeting with all area towns represented in February.

Many Senior Citizens are avid bowlers and enjoyed a season of individual competition among themselves and Seniors from nearby towns at the Community House. A bowling banquet was held in May at Carbones' Restaurant in Hopkinton.

In January many Seniors attended a luncheon at Patrick's in Uxbridge for Rep. Richard Moore. A large number also attended the tenth (10th) Annual District Conference put on by the Representative in May for all area Seniors.

Many hours were spent preparing to form a 'Friends of the Elders' group that incorporated and became effective in June. Dinners, craft fairs and other fund-raising events were put on by this group to help raise money for a van for the Seniors of Hopedale, so that they might have transportation to doctor's offices, nutrition sites and other necessary appointments.

Bridge lessons were offered each Tuesday morning at the center, instructed by Mary Ann Snow.

Council on Aging meetings were conducted each first Tuesday of the month, with two (2) new council members joining the group this year. They were Mildred Carpenter and Richard Palmer.

Bingo, a favorite pastime of the Elders, was played each Monday afternoon with approximately thirty (30) in attendance. Home baked refreshments were served during

(4)

intermission.

Line dancing was offered each Thursday for Hopedale Seniors as well as a few out-of-towners. Refreshments were always served. Eleanor and Angelo Testa were the instructors.

Cards are played several days a week at the center with Bridge, Cribbage and Pitch being the favorite games.

Six (6) new tables, ten (10) chairs and a Directors desk and chair were purchased with a grant that was received from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in December.

A newsletter is provided each month for the Seniors enabling them to keep informed on the latest happenings at the center. In it are other things of interest, such as the latest available trips, recipes, poems, health and nutrition items, upcoming birthdays and events, etc.

Coffee, tea, cheese and crackers are always available at the center for the Seniors to enjoy. A special coffee hour is set aside each Friday morning for them to come in and socialize and get to know each other better. About two hundred (200) individuals participate each month in the various activities at the center and in general. There are now over one thousand (1,000) Senior Citizens in Hopedale and our hope is to bring more and more of them to a knowledge of how their Senior Center can benefit them, no matter what their needs are.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Thompson, Dir.

Barbara L. Thompson, Director

Hopedale Council on Aging



Town of Hopedale
Town Hall - Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: HOPEDALE ARTS COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Submitted herewith is the FY88 Hopedale Arts Council report:
Approved/funded Grant Applications:

Greater Milford Symphony Orchestra.....	\$500
Hopedale Arts Council, 1987	
"DAY IN THE PARK".....	\$916
Music Dept. Hopedale Jr. Sr. High School	
"AMADEUS"	\$315
Blackstone Valley Art Association	\$150
"Night on the Pond" band concert.....	\$250
Hopedale Arts Council, 1988	
"DAY IN THE PARK".....	\$924
TOTAL GRANTS ADMINISTERED	<u>\$3055</u>

REPORT of the 1987 "DAY IN THE PARK":

INCOME: SPONSORS & CONCESSIONS.....	\$3695
ARTS & CRAFTS FEES.....	\$1350
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT.....	\$ 916
TOTAL	\$5961
EXPENSES:ART & CRAFT AWARDS.....	\$2031
ENTERTAINMENT.....	\$ 920
JANITORIAL FEES.....	\$ 86
TOTAL	\$3037
NET PROFIT INTO REVOLVING ACCOUNT...	\$2924

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND E. ANDREOTTI, Chairman
Hopedale Arts Council



OFFICE OF
CIVIL DEFENSE
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

R. J. MORIN, DIRECTOR

W. F. BURRILL, ASST. DIRECTOR

I herewith submit the annual report of the activities conducted by the Office of Civil Defense during the fiscal year ending on June 30th, 1988.

During the past year, I met with the Director of Sector 3B on several occasions. Sector 3B Director Henry J. Gamache was joined at these meetings by Linda Lecuyer, who was recently transferred from Sector 1 to assist in Sector 3.

The 10 KVA surplus generator which is located in the Public Safety Building, which is a World War II model, should, in my opinion be replaced as soon as money becomes available. This is a must.

During the past year, I attended several seminars. Three of the seminars were conducted at Sector 3B headquarters in Westboro. Radio and checkerboard tests have been conducted on a regular basis throughout the past 12 months. Hopedale's Civil Defense unit is responsible for notifying six area towns in the emergency test network program.

As has been the practice in the past, crutches, a walker, canes, stools and commodes have been loaned to residents in need of them at no charge through the Civil Defense unit. At this time I would like to express thanks and appreciation to the members of the Fire and Highway Departments for their assistance in delivering these items to residents in need of them.

Respectfully submitted,
Rolland J. Morin, Director
W. F. Burrill, Assistant Director



HOPEDALE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS, 01747

ANNUAL REPORT

1987-88

The membership of the Conservation Commission changed during the year when Jennifer Weaver was appointed to the position previously held by David Phillips. The Commission continued to meet as necessary during the year, with that level of activity remaining essentially constant. The Commission held fifteen Public Hearings, two for Determinations of Applicability, and thirteen on Notice of Intent for specific projects. There were, in addition, ten regular and special meetings, averaging one each month.

Despite a slowing in the pace of new construction and in the size of the projects presented to the Commission, there was an increase in the concern about enforcement requirements that resulted from two events. The first, the issuance of new and substantially more restrictive regulations from D.E.Q.E., the second resulted from the rapidly diminishing land availability that poses no wetland interest.

There was continued effort on the part of Commission members to broaden the scope of activities, most notably from the emphasis on hearings for the development of Orders of Condition, to the monitoring and enforcement to ensure developer's compliance with those Orders. Among other things, this means a higher level of involvement in Commission members' time and energy in visiting ongoing projects which numbered twelve at the end of the year.

Additional broadening of the Commission's interest involved the sponsoring of Commission members' attendance at some statewide workshops and conferences run by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering. One of these conferences resulted in Commission member Walter Swift filing a successful grant application for the development of an Open Space Plan, the beginning steps for which were just being taken as the year closed. The grant, for \$2,000, is intended to help small communities with the technical assistance necessary to develop the Open Space Plan, a first step, which is essential to the Town's participation in any of the additional grant programs, including matching fund grants that would allow for the acquisition and/or improvement of Conservation and Open Space and Recreation land.

As we look forward to the next year, the completion of the Open Space Plan with a broad involvement and representation of other Town Boards, Commissions, as well as interested residents, is the top priority. The Commission also, is anticipating the submission of definitive plans for what promises to be a substantial interest with additional residences and the possible consideration of a proposal for the former Draper complex. Long range plans that would be assisted by the development of an Open Space Plan, are the completion of the recreational facilities and the additional improvements necessary at Mellen Street, the acquisition of additional land in areas bordering the Charles and Mill Rivers, plus a large area adjacent to the Parklands, as well as Draper Field, continue at the discussion level.

For the Commission,

Donald A. Hayes, Chair

John Farrar
David Guglielmi
Walter Swift
Jennifer Weaver



"The Dale 1700; Hopedale 1841; A Town 1821"

Commission for The Handicapped

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

Commission for the Handicapped

Annual Report

September 1, 1987-July 31, 1988

Membership

Mary Challela, chairperson; John Bacon; Jim Carley; Peter Ellis; Robert Metcalf; Kathryn Patterson; Richard Gleason resigned due to personal reason in April,

Report of Activities

The Commission met monthly from September to August a and one additional time in March with the Finance Committee to discuss budget request.

The Commission developed a work plan for the year which addressed: handicapped parking in the town, ramping the Town Hall for accessibility, checking the schools for compliance with the State code regarding the handicapped, establishing its relationship to the Board of Selectmen and sending information to town departments regarding laws on the handicapped. The Commission is pleased to report that it has accomplished its work plan for the year with the exception of the ramp and a parking space at the Town Hall which is in the process of being addressed.

Handicapped parking spaces and stand-up signs have been established at: Town Park (2 spaces) and at the Draper Gymnasium. The question of one at or near the library has not been decided. The one needed at the Town Hall will await the outcome of placement of the ramp. To assist with the ramp project a survey of the building was conducted by Adaptive Environments of Boston. Mr. Thad Jackson has informed the Board of Selectmen that the Hopedale Foundation is interested in assisting financially with the project. One project planned for the fall of 1988 is a needs assessment of handicapped individuals which will be mailed with the census in collaboration with the Board of Registrars which will save money.

The Commission is interested in trying to raise money for some of its activities. To accomplish this goal a Friends of the Handicapped is under consideration. This would allow individuals or

groups to raise or donate money for various projects identified by the Commission to better meet the needs of the handicapped. The first activity will be a concession at the "The Day in the Park" on September 10, 1988.

A major problem for the Commission is an appropriate meeting place. Due to the inaccessibility of the Town Hall the only town building which is accessible to the handicapped is the Hopedale High School. Through the cooperation of the School Board and the superintendent it has been possible for the Commission to meet there on the second Monday of each month September through June; however in July and August there are no services available at the high school; therefore, during these months the Commission must meet at the home of Peter Ellis. The Commission has requested space at the Dennett Complex for the Elderly; however, the Hopedale Housing Authority denied the request stating there were insurance restrictions on its usage other than for its residents.

Budget

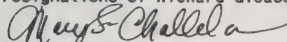
Requested

\$1,500 ramp
300 travel
100 miscellaneous
200 education
\$2,100

Expended

\$12.00 Membership in National Barrier Awareness
Foundation
35.00 fee "Day in the Park"
10.00 registration for Peter Ellis at: Massachusetts
1988 Conference on Disability Issues, Marlboro,
Mass.
\$57.00

Additional members will be needed for the next year due to the resignations of Richard Gleason and Kathryn Patterson.


Mary S. Challela
Chairperson

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



Historical Commission

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

Office of the Board of Selectmen
Town Offices
Hopedale, MA 01747

Re: Hopedale Historical Commission
Annual Report
Fiscal Year July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988

- I. Monthly meetings of the Historical Commission were conducted on the premises of the Town Hall. A schedule of meetings was posted in the Town Hall as required and notice was also placed in the Milford Daily News.

Meeting minutes were prepared and distributed to the Office of The Board of Selectmen and all members of the Historical Commission.

II. Significant Accomplishments:

- a. The Red Shop Preservation Committee continued its' work with the Little Red Shop. This important project was initiated by the Historical Commission.
- b. A stone marker was donated and erected by the Historical Commission to mark the site of Hopedale's first public high school and first Roman Catholic church on Hopedale Street. This stone was dedicated on May 22, 1988 in cooperation with Sacred Heart Church.
- c. An agreement was executed with Preservation Services of Mendon, MA to begin a survey of the historical properties within the Town. This survey is currently ongoing. The resulting reports will be submitted to the State Historical Office for listing on the Mass. Register of Historical Landmarks and eventually, perhaps, on the Federal Register.

This survey is the single most important endeavor of the Historical Commission in recent years.

Historical Commission
Annual Report

III. Election of officers for the Historical Commission was held on May 23, 1988 for fiscal year 88/89 with the following results:

Chairman	-	John A. (Jack) Coxall
Vice Chairman	-	Robert (Zeke) Hammond
Clerk	-	Brian Main
Secretary	-	Joanna Aamodt
Treasurer	-	Lucille Damon
Members	-	Eleanor Allen
	-	Olga Till

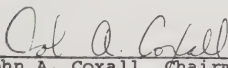
**Mr. Al Fetting has advised that he will no longer be a member of this Commission.

IV. Goals for Fiscal 88/89 were discussed at the final meeting of Fiscal 87/88 with the following being agreed:

- a. Identify locations of historical significance.
- b. Develop a standard sign for use by the Hopedale Historical Commission to identify historical locations.
- c. Continue the Historical property survey and advise the residents of Hopedale and the surrounding communities of the progress of this survey through the local media.
- d. Continue to maintain the Hopedale Historical Commission as a viable and beneficial body to the Town of Hopedale and its' residents.

This report has been prepared by the members of the Hopedale Historical Commission and is hereby respectfully submitted.

Signed,



John A. Coxall, Chairman



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

P.O. BOX 582
HOPEDALE, MA 01747
617-473-8120



**REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR 1987**

The Annual meeting of the Authority was held on March 12, 1987.
The following were elected or appointed to office:

Alice Phillips	Chairman	1990
Paul Bresciani	Vice-Chairman	1991
Margaret Bishop	Treasurer	1988
Edward Malloy	Ass't. Treasurer	1989
Robert Pugh	Ass't. Secretary	1992
Barbara Stevens	Executive Director and Secretary	
David T. Pagnini	Legal Counsel	

The Griffin-Dennett apartments, known as Project 667-C, consists of eighty apartments and are managed according to regulation set forth by the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

The Authority meets on the second Thursday of each month and the Annual meeting is held on the second Thursday in March. The Authority held twelve regular meetings and two Special meetings during the year 1987.

All interior halls at Griffin apartments were repainted with a Modernization Grant received from the Executive Office of Communities and Development. This Grant also will be used to repair and repave all asphalt surfaces at the Project.

A second Modernization Grant of \$103,000.00 was approved to allow the Authority to tie-in to the town sewer system and thereby eliminate the present pumping system. As this work will entail construction through the rear parking area, the repaving will be delayed until completion of the sewer project.

All hot water tanks in Dennett apartments were replaced due to age. Upper porch railings at Dennett apartments are also due to be replaced.

The annual cookout was held for all tenants in September and was well attended.

Income limits for admission and continued occupancy were raised in 1987 with a continued effort to seek minority applicants in accordance with regulations set by the Executive Office of Communities and Development. The required quota has not been met due to lack of applicants. The present waiting list is greatly reduced from past years with local residents still entitled to preference.

Alice Phillips, Chairman
Hopedale Housing Authority

Dated : April 1, 1988

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board held 20 meetings in the year 1988.

Eight meetings were held for the registration of voters for the elections.

On May 21, a meeting was held for the purpose of reorganization. Paul L. Bresciani was re-elected Chariman of the Board.

The Board held 9 sessions to update voting lists.

We also attended several Town Meetings to check voters.

The population of Hopedale as of January 1, 1988 was 5362.

The voters count was 2927.

The breakdown is as follows:

271 - Republicans
704 - Democrats
1952 - Independents

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Bresciani, Chairman
Rolland J. Morin
Helen B. Hammond
Robert S. Phillips, Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

Board of Selectmen
Town of Hopedale
Town Hall
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Chairwoman Lawson,

Attached is the final report and recommendations of the Public Safety Building Committee.

We would be pleased to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss our findings and recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Rizoli
Chairman
C. Bresciani
W. Francis

EJR/m

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. CURRENT STATUS

The Public Safety Building was constructed over seventy-five years ago and remains in basically good condition. However, the building is in need of repairs and shows signs of maintenance neglect over the last several years.

The most serious problem, both from a safety and expense viewpoint, is the first floor which currently houses our fire apparatus, dispatcher, and Civil Defense. As we stated in our letter of 16 February 1988, the overload factors in each of the bays range from 159% to 284%, and even with the adoption of our recommendations, the overload will still range from 14% to 69%. We believe a permanent solution is required which will eliminate all overloading.

In the basement level of the building, there are two bays; one is used for fire apparatus and the other provides storage and locker facilities. The remainder of the basement is used as the Hopedale Police Station. In addition to a safety problem because it is located under the first floor, the department has inadequate space for its current needs.

Small offices have been provided for the Police Chief and a detective, but there are not any areas available for staff meetings, training, conferences, or any discussions requiring privacy. Transporting prisoners into the booking area requires movement through two sets of glass doors and through an office area which has a width of approximately four feet. The total office area is approximately 12 feet wide including desk and file space.

What is used as a holding area for prisoners is a 10' x 12' room. Within these confines are tables, shelf space, and an area to secure prisoners on a temporary basis.

The second floor of the building contains the Fire Chief's office, a large meeting room, shower facilities, and storage area for all departments using the building.

II. CONSIDERATIONS

The most immediate need is to address the unsafe condition of the first floor. Repairing this floor to eliminate the overloading is estimated to cost \$225,000. While this amount may increase or decrease during a formal bidding process, repair only solves part of the current problem, and does not address the current and future space problem of the Police Department, future equipment needs of the Fire Department, nor other changes the town may wish to make in the future.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that towns with a population of 5,000 or more have adequate lock-up facilities available. It appears that Hopedale will reach this population level in the near future.

The Police Chief has related to us the present difficulties he is experiencing in obtaining facilities in nearby towns when he requires them. It appears that due to the growth in our area communities, those towns with lock-up facilities are experiencing greater utilization and less space is available for shared use. When Hopedale does use the facilities of other towns, the cost of providing our own surveillance is approximately \$16 per hour. Unless a regional facility is constructed, it appears that Hopedale should make provisions for obtaining its own facility.

The Fire Chief stated the current facility is adequate for his present needs; providing some necessary repairs were made. Future considerations would depend on new development within the town and could range from acquiring a second aerial apparatus if the former Draper plant were developed to the construction of a sub-station if the airport area were substantially developed. If none of these events occur, it appears that merely replacing existing equipment in the future could add weight to the current floor since newer trucks would carry more water and/or equipment.

The dispatcher's office and Civil Defense areas of the first floor are adequate for the present.

The second floor houses the Fire Chief's office, a large meeting or conference room, shower facilities, and storage areas. We feel that a plan

could be developed to better utilize this floor and provide the departments with facilities that may satisfy all current and future needs.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend the town consider two courses of action concurrently.

First, a maintenance and capital improvement program should be developed, within the constraints of the town's fiscal condition, to address obvious repairs and replacements over a period of time. Included in this program would be items such as new windows, new heating system, restoration of restroom/shower facilities, and floors, etc. Normal maintenance such as cleaning and painting would improve the current condition of many areas of the building.

The second recommendation is to address the current and future needs of the town. Merely repairing the existing building is not a solution.

While the Public Safety Building meets the current needs of the Fire Department, it does not adequately serve the Police Department and we will be mandated by law to provide additional space in the future. Consideration should also be given to utilizing the second floor of the building to a greater extent than is being done presently.

We recommend that a second structure be constructed to house the fire apparatus. Such a building should be built on solid ground to avoid future overloading similar to the current situation, and should be of a size to house approximately five pieces of equipment. Storage space should also be factored into an area above the bays.

A two-story brick structure could be built in the rear of the existing building towards what was formerly the main office building of the Draper Corporation. Hopedale currently owns most of this land, and if additional space was required it would have to be purchased from the current owner of the main office building.

An alternative would be to locate the proposed building adjacent to the existing building on land formerly used as a gasoline station. This land would have to be purchased from the current owner. The advantage of this site is that fire apparatus would enter and exit on Dutcher Street compared to the above which would utilize Social Street.

Whereever located, the new structure should be connected to the existing building with easy access between buildings. The structure should conform in style to the existing building.

Consideration was given to other locations such as town-owned land on Mendon Street, and occupancy of a portion of the proposed site for a new school. It is our feeling that the present centralized location is the most economical and advantageous to the town.

The construction of a second structure to garage the fire equipment would allow better utilization of the existing Public Safety Building. Among the possibilities are:

- Use of the basement level for storage by the Fire and Police Departments, and Civil Defense. One, or possibly two, bays could be used for the storage of vehicles, depending on future needs.
- The first floor could serve as the Police Station. The recommendations made in our letter of 16 February to strengthen the floor would probably suffice to make the floor safe since all fire apparatus would be removed. This floor has ample space to accommodate the necessary offices, lock-up facilities, and conference areas for the Police Department; additionally one bay could be used for the cruiser when transporting prisoners to or from the station. This would allow the loading or unloading of prisoners inside the building which provides privacy and security.
- The first floor could also contain the current dispatcher's office, or an expanded communications center in the future. The office should be located so that surveillance of the lock-up facility and the proposed new building can be accomplished by the dispatcher.
- The second floor should continue to be utilized for the fire Chief's office. The existing meeting room, shower facilities, and storage area should also be maintained; with some refurbishment we believe these areas could be better utilized and provide good training areas for all departments.



HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Junior-Senior High School Building

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

473-3080



REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MAY 10, 1988

The original intent of their report was to give the attending townspeople a detailed report on the findings and recommendations of the School Building Committee. Subsequently, the Board of Selectmen and our Building Committee decided that the Town would be better served by having a Town Meeting specifically dedicated to our school needs.

I would like to spend the next few moments reviewing the past, present and future events including the scheduled Special Town Meeting on June 15, 1988.

The State of Massachusetts has a very rigid process in place that all municipalities must go through prior to being eligible to receive state aid in support of any school construction.

First, the State requires that Towns submit the point of regionalization to the townspeople at the ballot box. This action was taken by the Town of Hopedale on three separate occasions in the 1980's. In 1981, 1982 and 1984 the town clearly established that regionalization is not an option for our town leaders to pursue.

Secondly, the State requires that town form a Regional School Study Committee to assess the town's position on regionalization and to report to the town on its findings and recommendations. The Committee was formed in 1985 and has subsequently reported that regionalization was not in keeping with the town's desires. Their report was accepted at an Annual Town Meeting.

Next, the State requires that a town form a School Building Needs Study Committee to advise the town if a true need for additional space exists. Hopedale's was formed in 1986 at the Town Meeting and reported at the 1987 Town Meeting that additional space was definitely needed. The report was accepted as read.

The next requirement is to have the Town form a School Building Committee. Our town formed this Committee at the 1987 Annual Town Meeting with the charter to determine how to best solve the need for additional space. The town also funded this Committee with \$20,000 to secure an architect and provide for incidental expenses.

This 12 member Committee has been meeting continuously since June of 1987. There has been approximately a thousand man hours spent wrestling with our community needs.

The individuals assigned to the Committee represent a broad cross section of our town. We have males, females, members of the School Committee, members with children in our school, members with children who have graduated from Hopedale and members who did not have children who went to school in Hopedale. Indeed, this Committee is representative of our town.

The architect selected by our Committee is Alderman & MacNeish. The portfolio of schools this company has designed and built is long and impressive, but what is more important is how the company worked with the town, whether they came in under

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT - continued - 2

budget and whether the present managers of the school are satisfied. Our architect rated tops in all of these categories.

With such impressive credentials, you might expect that they would also be very expensive. The State once again has established guidelines that strictly control how much a town can spend per square foot per student. Therefore, we are working within predetermined cost guidelines that act to protect us.

The State will pay 71% of any new school construction for the Town of Hopedale.

In keeping with our Committee's desire to assure that the townspeople are fully informed of all issues concerning the charter of our Committee, there are several key dates to keep in mind.

First, there will be two (2) open public meetings, June 7th and Jun 9th, here at the high school auditorium, at which there will be a formal presentation detailing the circumstances and facts surrounding our recommendation. Our recommendation to the Town is to build a new core facility high school.

In addition to these two (2) public meetings, there is going to be an election ballot scheduled for June 14, 1988, where our Committee has recommended to the Town that in order to fund the Town's 29% share of the cost of the school, we should vote to exclude the debt service cost from the bounds and means of Proposition 2½. We have not supported an override to Proposition 2½ because an override becomes a permanent part of the budget, whereas, a debt exclusion can only be used for the debt voted on, and it expires when the debt is completed.

The next night, June 15th, is scheduled as the night for the Special Town Meeting where you will vote on whether or not to move on with the construction of the proposed new high school.

In order for the meeting of June 15th to be held, the vote of June 14th must be in favor of funding the school with a debt exclusion, otherwise there will be no new school.

In addition to all these meetings, our Committee is going to send a brochure to all resident voters which presents a rendering of the proposed school, cost schedules and further background information. This brochure will be mailed no later than June 1st or 2nd.

We are presently awaiting the final report of Storch Engineering, who has been retained to provide us with a traffic study. This, along with information from the Shawmut Bank of Boston will be ready in time for us to discuss all details to the "Nth" degree at the two (2) open meetings and the Special Town Meeting.

I respectfully request that you hold your questions until our hearings when we will be spending more time on the details and be able to give your questions the time they deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Sparling, Chairman
School Building Committee



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF PROPOSED JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Report of the Hopedale School Building Committee State Aid To Pay 71%

PLAN CONCEPT

Following the educational specifications approved by the Hopedale School Building Committee and School Committee, and, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Education, the proposed plan includes flexibility to fit the present and anticipated changes in the educational needs for the Town of Hopedale.

The Building Committee studied and evaluated many designs prepared by the architects. The final plan selected and proposed is a junior-senior high school which is felt to be the most economical to construct and the most efficient and convenient for the educational needs of pupils and faculty.

In addition to a three-story academic wing, the north wing of the building houses the auditorium, gymnasium, locker rooms, music, industrial arts, cafeteria, kitchen and service facilities. The gymnasium is divisible into two physical education teaching stations and has a main court of 50' x 84'.

VOTERS TO DECIDE NEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL BALLOT ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1988

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1988 7:30 p.m.

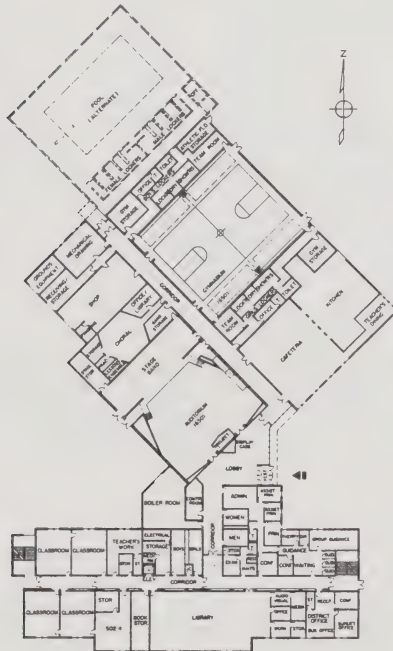
NOTE: Approval at BOTH the Special Ballot Election AND Special Town Meeting is required.

PLAN CONCEPT

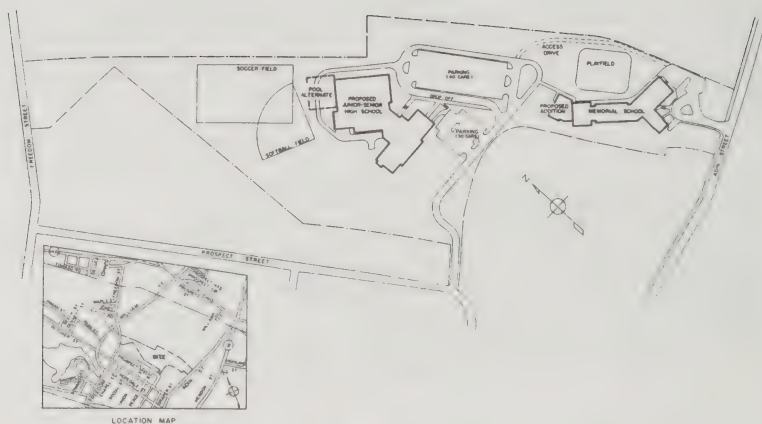
The building plan is so arranged that the section which houses the gymnasium, cafeteria and auditorium may be closed off from the academic wing of the building when used after hours by public groups. The auditorium seats 650. The cafeteria seats 215 for dining and has a capacity of 415 when used for assembly purposes. The gymnasium will be a modern facility with capacity for 650 spectators to support the Blue Raider Basketball Teams as well as a full physical education program. An elevator and complete facilities for the handicapped are provided, consistent with the regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The academic wing contains facilities for 600 students in grades 7-12. In addition to general classrooms, this section contains a media center, art, music, preschool and business education classrooms, and science, homemaking, woodworking, graphics and computer laboratories.

Building construction will be noncombustible steel frame with brick masonry exterior walls. The roof will have a positive pitch to eliminate standing water. Every consideration has been given to keep maintenance and energy costs at a minimum. The estimated costs include a fully-equipped building ready to operate, and the planned addition and alterations to Memorial Elementary School.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SITE PLAN

After consideration of several site plans, the Building Committee selected one which takes the best advantage of the topography while minimizing excavation costs.

The proposed site development includes the necessary clearing and grading of athletic fields, roads and parking areas. All existing trees are to be saved where possible to enhance the school setting. Parking for 160 cars, areas for bus unloading and service roads are provided in the plans. The cost of athletic fields, roads, paving and utilities is included in the overall estimate.

ARCHITECT SELECTED

After consideration of various architects, the School Building Committee selected the architectural and engineering firm of Alderman & MacNeish, of West Springfield, Massachusetts. This selection was based on the firm's good reputation on previous school projects in New England and with their experience with the particular type of addition the Committee wanted to construct.

THE HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alfred Sparling, Chairman
 John DiPietropolo, Vice Chairman
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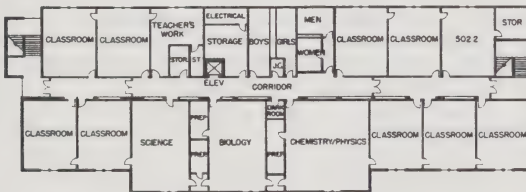
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20-YEAR PAYMENT SCHEDULE

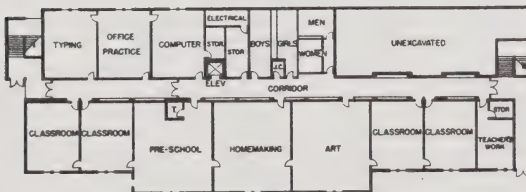
Schedule of principal and interest payments of a \$13,819,888 bond issue for a period of 20 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 7.50%.

*Calculated on 2-1/2% growth in taxable base.

Year	Principal	Interest	Gross Total Payment	State Aid	Arbitrage	Cost To Town	*Tax Rate Impact
1	\$ 0	\$ 658,088	\$ 658,088	\$ 0	\$658,088	\$ 0	
2	690,994	984,667	1,675,661	858,561		817,101	3.27
3	690,994	932,842	1,623,837	858,561		765,276	2.98
4	690,994	881,018	1,572,012	858,561		713,452	2.73
5	690,994	829,193	1,520,188	858,561		661,627	2.50
6	690,994	777,369	1,468,363	858,561		609,803	2.27
7	690,994	725,544	1,416,539	858,561		557,978	2.05
8	690,994	673,720	1,364,714	858,561		506,153	1.84
9	690,994	621,895	1,312,889	858,561		454,329	1.64
10	690,994	570,070	1,261,065	858,561		402,504	1.43
11	690,994	518,246	1,209,240	858,561		350,680	1.24
12	690,994	466,421	1,157,416	858,561		298,855	1.04
13	690,994	414,597	1,105,591	858,561		247,031	0.85
14	690,994	362,772	1,053,766	858,561		195,206	0.67
15	690,994	310,947	1,001,942	858,561		143,381	0.48
16	690,994	259,123	950,117	858,561		91,557	0.31
17	690,994	207,298	898,293	858,561		39,732	0.13
18	690,994	155,474	846,468	858,561		(12,092)	-0.04
19	690,994	103,649	794,644	858,561		(63,917)	-0.21
20	690,994	51,825	742,819	858,561		(115,742)	-0.37
21	690,994	0	690,994	858,561		(167,566)	-0.52
Totals	\$13,819,888	\$10,504,759	\$24,324,647	\$17,171,211	\$658,088	\$6,495,348	



UPPER LEVEL PLAN



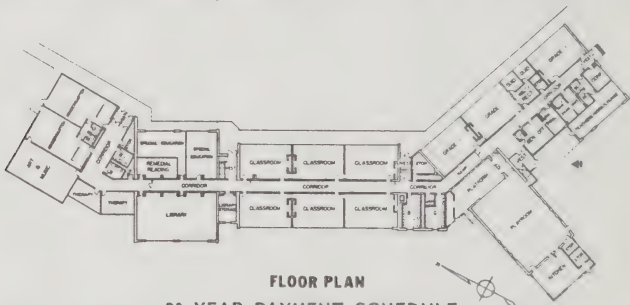
LOWER LEVEL PLAN

Additions and Alterations To Memorial School

PLAN CONCEPT

The Memorial School is 33 years old and showing its age. This part of the proposal seeks to update and modernize the building, provide space that is fully accessible to the handicapped, create two new kindergarten classrooms, create a new media center/computer laboratory, dramatically improve the outdoor recreational facility and solve a major safety, traffic and parking problem that presently exists.

Although the current financial picture at the State level suggests that this project may be delayed for several years, voter approval is being sought now in order to get us "into the pipeline". Later, reauthorization will be required as a result of the delay because of increased project costs.



FLOOR PLAN

20-YEAR PAYMENT SCHEDULE (Presuming concurrent approval now)

Schedule of principal and interest payments of \$2,032,779 bond issue for a period of 20 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 7.50%.

Year	Principal	Interest	Total	State Aid	Arbitrage	Cost To Town	Rate Impact
1	\$ 0	\$ 96,799	\$ 96,799	\$ 0	\$96,799	\$ 0	
2	101,639	144,835	246,474	126,286		120,188	0.48
3	101,639	137,213	238,852	126,286		112,565	0.43
4	101,639	129,590	231,229	126,286		104,942	0.39
5	101,639	121,967	223,606	126,286		97,319	0.36
6	101,639	114,344	215,983	126,286		89,696	0.33
7	101,639	106,721	208,360	126,286		82,073	0.30
8	101,639	99,098	200,737	126,286		74,451	0.27
9	101,639	91,475	193,114	126,286		66,828	0.24
10	101,639	83,852	185,491	126,286		59,205	0.21
11	101,639	76,229	177,868	126,286		51,582	0.18
12	101,639	68,606	170,245	126,286		43,959	0.15
13	101,639	60,983	162,622	126,286		36,336	0.12
14	101,639	53,360	154,999	126,286		28,713	0.10
15	101,639	45,738	147,376	126,286		21,090	0.07
16	101,639	38,115	139,754	126,286		13,467	0.04
17	101,639	30,492	132,131	126,286		5,844	0.02
18	101,639	22,869	124,508	126,286		(1,779)	-0.01
19	101,639	15,246	116,885	126,286		(9,402)	-0.03
20	101,639	7,623	109,262	126,286		(17,025)	-0.05
21	101,639	(0)	101,639	126,286		(24,647)	-0.08
Totals	\$2,032,779	\$1,545,154	\$3,577,932	\$2,525,728	\$96,799	\$955,406	

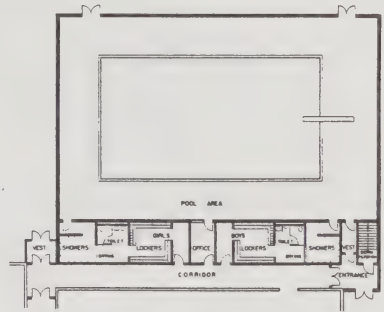
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POOL ALTERNATE

Voters will have an opportunity to authorize the construction of an olympic-size swimming pool as part of the school project. This alternate is being voted separately for two reasons: (a) its addition, when done in conjunction with the original building, is the least expensive; and (b) the cost of the pool addition is not covered by State reimbursement. The inclusion of the pool alternate will not only enhance school programs, but will also provide a dramatic increase in programs offered to the general public.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Year	Principal	Interest	Arbitrage	Cost to Town	Tax Rate Impact
1	\$ 0	\$ 68,604	\$68,604	\$ 0	0
2	72,034	102,649		174,684	0.70
3	72,034	97,247		169,281	0.65
4	72,034	91,844		163,878	0.61
5	72,034	86,441		158,476	0.59
10	72,034	59,428		131,463	0.46
21	72,034	0		72,034	0
Totals	\$1,440,689	\$1,095,095	\$68,604	\$2,467,180	



FLOOR PLAN

HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

FINAL REPORT

JUNE 16, 1988

Since the vote of June 14 was not in favor of excluding the proposed high school debt service cost from the bounds and means of proposition 2 1/2, the Town's voters will not have an opportunity to debate the pros and cons of the proposed solution to our lack of space for our students. We will not make a motion for action but rather offer this report as a summation of the past year's activities.

First, simply put, our Town has a problem where we have and will continue to have more students than we have space available to educate them. There are two ways to solve this problem:

- A. Reduce the number of students in our school system.
- B. Develop additional space.

The only solution that your School Building Committee dealt with was how to best develop additional space considering at all times what was best suited for the town.

- A. Since the town voted on three separate occasions not to regionalize, we focused our attention on the solution alternatives to regionalizing.

I have personally had three children graduate from the Hopedale School System, all of whom attended the College of their choice and have not had any problems competing with their academic peers. My youngest is currently a freshman; and I, therefore, don't know how he will fair over the next three years, but he is currently on the dean's list and is one of the top ten students in the freshman class. I make this point because when I moved into this Town fourteen years ago, I moved here because of the quality of education.

The character and culture of the Town of Hopedale clearly centered around its educational system. The excitement and enthusiasm for the Town by the townspeople was contagious. This is why I moved to Hopedale - Town "Pride" and its residents' commitment to excellence.

With all the negative propaganda being circulated, I constantly questioned my feelings and the direction in which our committee was moving. At every opportunity I asked members of families who have moved to Town within the last five years - why they selected Hopedale - without exception they told me they moved here primarily because of the reputation of the school system.

Ladies and gentlemen we did not just vote on the debt exclusion last night. You voted on whether you wanted to continue to live in a proud Town, full of enthusiasm centered around a highly

regarded educational system or whether you felt that perhaps a change in your personal basic value system would be O.K.

Getting back to our problem of space - as I mentioned, the second method of solving this issue is to reduce the number of students.

I believe we may have accomplished this objective. With a high risk of a deteriorating school system, there will be fewer students than we otherwise would have seen. People with children simply will not want to move into a Town that does not support its schools. Our overcrowding problem will become a self fulfilling prophesy. Our enrollment may go down; but also, your property will no longer be as highly regarded by those individuals thinking about moving into our Town. The value of your homes and property may well be impacted in the near term.

The irony of the situation is that the decision reached Tuesday was not financially motivated except by only the most naive. If we decided to sustain our school system's reputation, we would have had to build new facilities - whether they be as follows:

- A new Regional School
- A new Middle School
- A new High School

The cost differential to the individual taxpayer is minimal at best; we will pay the price for quality education.

If we let it slip, the entire Town and what we have always stood for slips with it.

Because our problem still faces us, you will be given more opportunities to pick a solution, but please don't kid yourself into thinking that the solution is going to be free. There will be a cost.

The next time you have an opportunity to stand behind your Town - "Take It"; don't be negatively influenced by any individuals who are using the school issue to vent personal hostility or beat their chests to draw attention to themselves.

I would thank the School Building Committee Members for their dedication, time and effort contributed to the Town over the past year and particularly thank them for putting the Town's needs ahead of their personal opinions and prejudices and approaching the solution to our problem with objective open minds.

I would also like to extend our thanks in writing on behalf of the Town for their investment of time, effort and money, to those companies and individuals who worked with us on this project. They include:

- Our Architect
- Bond Counsel
- Banking Council

In summation, our Town still has classes meeting in auditoriums and hallways, evidence of our overcrowding situation. We have lost a year toward a solution. With the State's budget problems, we may well be faced with paying a larger share of the cost of the solution; however, our Town must move forward.

Before any serious progress can be made, we must have united support of our major Town Boards, but most of all we need a consensus from our townspeople as to what direction to pursue.

Your School Building Committee stands united in their faith in our Town's pride and strength of character to know we will solve this problem, and be more proud that ever.

We ask that you all become part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopedale School Building Committee

1988 ANNUAL REPORT

HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

This report is somewhat inconclusive because there was never a Town vote on the proposal put forth by this committee. The Town vote was scheduled, and put on the warrant for action on the night of June 15, 1988. On June 14, 1988, the Town overwhelmingly voted not to pay any additional costs above the bounds and means of proposition 2 1/2. Since the proposal scheduled for June 15 would have required funds that could only have been made available if the Town voted in favor of a debt exclusion, the warrant article had to be passed over.

The attendance at the two open public hearings was sparse at best with less than one out of twenty people who voted at the override election being informed.

The results of the election of June 14 were very consistent with prior elections relative to school issues. While the Town's people previously voted overwhelmingly to maintain the independent school system, they also voted overwhelmingly not to pay for the cost of maintaining it. We are at an impasse.

On June 15, the Town Moderator extended the term of the School Building Committee with the hope that a resolution could be reached.

Every member of the existing Committee agreed to continue to serve with one caveat.

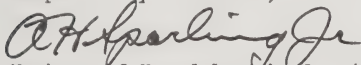
Until there is an agreement toward a united recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Committee and the School Building Committee, there will be no further recommendations to the Town from the present members of the School Building Committee.

The first joint meeting is scheduled for August 17, 1988.

Enclosed with this report are the introduction notes for the public hearings and the notes for the closing statement at the Special Town Meeting of June 15.

In closing, the committee would like to thank all those individuals who contributed their time and effort toward this project.

Respectfully submitted,



Members of Hopedale School Building Committee

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OFFICE OF
BUILDING COMMISSION
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

The report of electrical inspections from July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988 is as follows:

114 permits were issued
135 inspections were made

Total monies collected \$3,746.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Shimkus
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

For the period from July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988 the following permits were issued from this office:

119 Plumbing Permits
22 Gas Permits

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Rossetti,
Plumbing Inspector



OFFICE OF
Industrial Development Commission

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

There are currently no active members, other than the Chairman, on this commission. Several years experience has shown that without having town owned industrial land to develop there are few effective roles a part-time commission can play without direct requests by private owners, most of whom seem to prefer to run their own show. This led to the decision to help form and support the Regional Development Corporation. However, if useful projects are identified, the Chairman will request additional members be added to the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Lawson
Chairman

PARK DEPARTMENT



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HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PARK DEPARTMENT

As was stated in last year's annual report, a major concern facing the Park Department was the poor condition of the Parklands following the abrupt termination of forestry operations there. The process of restoring the Parklands to their "original" state with limited resources has proven to be an arduous task. A firm was engaged to chip and remove a substantial amount of leftover refuse (slash) and the roads were regraded with drain pipes installed in areas suffering from perennial washout. Several "work days" were conducted to pile and burn brush and debris. Three new heavy-duty gates were installed at the Hazel Street, Dutcher Street, and Freedom Street entrances to control persistent problems of illegal entry, dumping of waste, etc. Still, an enormous amount of work remains to be done restoring Parklands for the use and enjoyment of everyone.

The recreational facilities and programs have continued under the exceptional coordination of Jody Whyte and her excellent staff. Literally, hundreds of children participate in a wide variety of activities ranging from arts and crafts to swimming lessons. For the first time in several years, we were able to offer tennis instruction and busing transportation to and from the Park for the youngsters. The basketball court was resurfaced, re-lined and new backboards were installed. Ever an attraction, the Band Concerts are being held under a completely refurbished bandstand and continue to offer a "special something" to young and old alike.

A special thanks deserves mention to the many individuals and firms whose help and support made many of this years' accomplishments possible. Of particular note is the generosity of the following local businesses: Consigli Construction Co., Gen-Wal Construction Co., the Massachusetts Electric Co., Varney Bros. Concrete and the WGB Construction Co.

Willard W. Taft

Willard Taft, Chairman
Albert Carnaroli
Bruce Lutz

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

As Superintendent my year was uneventful due to the disappearance of the Gypsy Moth coupled with the County taking responsibility for mosquito control.

My main concern has been bee hives and residents who have insect problems in trees and shrubs.

My other duty is the control of Dutch Elm Disease. There are seven town owned elm trees, several of which were pruned this year. The drought of '87 and '88 has caused at least two trees to die on Dutcher Street. I plan on planting disease resistant trees along the roadside in the future.

Respectfully,

David Sawyer

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

FORESTRY COMMISSION

The primary activity of the Forestry Commission this past year was to assist the Park Commissioners in their efforts to tidy up the Eastern section of the Parklands.

The Park Commission is to be congratulated for their efforts in this area.

With the resignation of John Clinkman a vacancy exists on this Commission. Any citizen interested in helping to keep the remaining woodlands in good condition is urged to apply to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Williams
Chairman

"The Dale 1700;

Hopedale 1841;

A Town 1886"

Robert S. Phillips
Town Clerk



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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
1985	64	25	76
1986	67	17	56
1987	81	29	63

January 1, 1988 Town Census is; 5,362.

Registered voters: Republicans 271: Democrats 704: Independents 1,952,
for a total of 2,927.

Dog Licenses issued: 271

Persons may register to vote any working day, except when registration is closed by law.

The Town Clerk's Office issues marriage licenses, certified copies of vital records, hunting and fishing licenses and registers voters. Services are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at either the Town Clerk's Office or the Town Hall General Office, both located in the Town Hall. In case of special need, the Town Clerk will schedule a special appointment on Saturday or in the evening. Telephone 478-2140.

Town Clerk, Robert S. Phillips: Assistant Town Clerk, Mary L. Draper.

Respectfully submitted,

Atty. Robert S. Phillips
TOWN CLERK



DONALD A. HAYES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL YEAR 1987-88

The members of the Hopedale School Committee hereby accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools and approve same as the Annual Report of the Hopedale School Committee.

HOPEDALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE - MARCH 1988 TO MARCH 1989

Mrs. Mary Grady - Chairman	term expires 1991
Mr. Robert Goss, Jr. - Vice Chairman	term expires 1990
Mr. John Abbruzzese	term expires 1989
Mr. John McGrath, Jr.	term expires 1989
Mr. Robert Metcalf	term expires 1991

1988 GRADUATES

Eric M. Adelstein	Audra Denise Long
Lisa M. Ambrogio	Juliette Yvonne Lussier
*Nicole T. Anderson	Amber Rochelle Mason
Jennifer Lynn Barrows	Christopher D. McGovern
Deborah Anne Barsanti	Tammie Marie Miller
Timothy J. Beder	*Tina A. Muther
Heidi L. Bell	Greg Najarian
Patricia Ann Brown	Candace A. Nichols
David Paul Carnaroli	Jeffrey Michael Oullette
Cheryl Ann Cedrone	Susanne M. Parmensi
Julie Diane Condon	Cherie Lynn Peters
Stephen G. Cousins	Dorene Phillips
Wendy Jean Criasia	Jason Piccirillo
Renee DeGeorge	*Anne Ellen Pugh
Ana Maria DeMoura Caldas	Daniel R. Radebaugh III
Karen Lee Dillon	*Sherri Lynn Ricard
Jason Robert Dupuis	C. Eric Riffin
Jamie Edward Erickson	Michael John Rossacci
*Wendy Jean Evers	*Tammy Mae Sanborn
Lori Ellen Fields	Nicole Ann Smith
Angela M. Foncault	Timothy C. Smith
Jill D. Francis	Robert Scott Speroni
Kelly J. Griffin	*Lori Elizabeth Spooner
Eric A. Hensel	Wendy Ann Stewart
Tanya M. Kirby	Sean Michael Stobart
Kristina Marie Krauss	Wendy Lee Swanson
Kenneth Andrew Kuligowski	Erik Terenzi
*John Fox Larkin	Jennifer Lee-Ann Veronesi
Jennifer Elaine Larson	Brian Douglas Wheeler
Brian Richard Lemon	Jodi Woodburn
Michael Anthony Lombardi	Christopher Yanovitch



HOPEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL YEAR 1987-88

The membership of the Hopedale School Committee was changed at the March elections. After six years on the Committee, David Coffey did not stand for reelection and was replaced by newcomer Robert Metcalf. Mary Grady was reelected. At the annual reorganizational meeting, Mary Grady was elected Chairman, and Robert Goss, Jr. was elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

The pattern and frequency of School Committee meetings remained about the same during this year. The School Committee meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month with special meetings scheduled as necessary. The continued growth of the school-aged population in our community and the implications of that growth on both worsening space and budgetary considerations occupied the Committee's attention on almost every meeting agenda this year, as last year.

In personnel areas, beyond the growth related additions to the staff, there were a number of changes. In December, death claimed Dean of Students and Foreign Language teacher, Rose Murray, after a long battle with cancer. Four valued and long-standing members of the staff also chose 1988 as their retirement year. These included Francis Coffey from the custodial staff, Hilda Hammond from the cafeteria staff, Hazel Vignone from the elementary teaching faculty, and Elementary School Principal, Roger Morell. Following a lengthy screening and interviewing process, the School Committee unanimously named Mrs. Andrea Hallion as the new Elementary Principal, commencing July 1, 1988. At year's end, the resignation of Pupil Personnel Services Director, John Brady was accepted with regret and meant even more significant changes for the upcoming year.

Space concerns and their related solutions ended up as "front page" news on several occasions during the year as the School Building Committee moved toward Town Meeting action. Portable classrooms were explored and finally rejected when local developer Joseph Menfi, offered to construct an eight room building that could be leased to the School Committee for a five year period to help offset the short term crisis. Approval of this action was given first by the School Committee, and subsequently by the Town Meeting, and a building to be known as Hartford Avenue School, was under construction as this report was written.

The long term solution, however, did not fare as well. The Building Committee's recommendation to construct a \$14,000,000 secondary school was defeated by better than 2-1 at the debt exclusion ballot and never saw the light of day at the Town Meeting. At year's end, the Building Committee's charge had been extended by the Moderator, into this fall in the hopes that agreement can be reached town wide on a permanent solution in the near future.

The student population, which began the year at 844 had grown to 880 by year's end and was projected to be at 940 by September 1.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - 2

The Class of 1988 graduated 63 members, 67% of whom indicated plans to further their education. The college board scores on the SATS for the students matriculating at four-year colleges was 503 for verbal, and 509 for math. Hopedale students' performance on a Massachusetts Basic Skills test at grades 3, 6, and 9, continued to demonstrate a high level of mastery of those basic skills, placing them in the high 90% scores at all three grade levels in reading, math and writing for the second year in a row. An elementary reading teacher and accompanying programs, a Reading Partners program and Junior Great Books Program were added this year. The School Committee also approved a program structure for a Gifted and Talented Program. The Early Childhood Grant monies were used to initiate a new pre-school Outreach Program, while Pupil Personnel added programs in Special Education for an additional Resource Room at the elementary level and for the middle grades.

As last year, parent involvement in the school grew by leaps and bounds. P.A.C.E. volunteers accounted for more than 1,400 hours of time donated to various programs and classrooms, and provided a level of help that was crucial to the continuing success of several programs that included the math-a-thon, elementary science fair, art and creative writing exposition among the more notable projects. P.A.C.E. also assisted the new Kindergarten orientation program to help smooth the first day of school for parents and students alike, with Kindergartens located for the first time at the Junior-Senior High School building, an event that cause a great deal of anxiety at the outset, but which went smoothly for all concerned during the year.

In its second struggling year of existence, Phase II provided parent organizational support at the Junior-Senior High School level with both volunteer time and assistance in a number of projects.

At year's end, efforts were being applied to the ordering of furnishings and equipment for the Hartford Avenue School, the movement of teaching supplies and furnishings to accommodate the reorganization of the elementary grades for next year, as well as the filling out of the staff vacancies readying for September. While the space concerns have been eased by the additional 8 rooms, concern continues over the short term nature of that solution and the fact that the population projects to outstrip even the additional facilities in two years, with no long-term solution at hand. Also, with programs at four different locations, issues of coordination and articulation are more immediate than ever.

The only certainty in all of the issues, is the commitment, preparedness and professionalism of the entire staff of the Hopedale Schools, and the devotion of our complete energy to the provision of the best possible educational experience for each child, a commitment that has been a standing charge accepted and fulfilled by each member of the staff throughout the recent difficult years.

HOPEDALE FIRE DEPT.



HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747
David M. Durgin, Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of Hopedale; I herewith submit the report of the Hopedale Fire Department for July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988:

During the recent year we have again seen responses to fires and requests for emergency medical services (EMS) continue to soar. Inspectional and permit services have drastically increased as well. This increase can be directly attributed to new growth within the town. The growth of the Fire Department and Public Safety Dispatch has not kept up with this rapid expansion of the community. Response by apparatus increased by 46 responses, while inspectional and permit services increased by 364 over last year.

Throughout the year the department and personnel were faced with multiple simultaneous responses for both fire and EMS calls. These multiple and increased calls continue to find the department during daytime hours, struggling to provide the needed personnel. During daytime hours the department is unable to provide a basic first alarm response of personnel, which should be 12 firefighters for a single family dwelling. The department's average personnel response for last year was 6 firefighters.

As in the past, the Fire Department has provided dispatching services for fire and police as well as other town departments. A request was made for civilian dispatchers this year but was not funded. This would have ended the practice of the Firefighter/Dispatcher on duty leaving the emergency telephone and radio system unstaffed until an off-duty person or Call Firefighter responded back to the station. Last year there were many instances of the telephones being uncovered; should another emergency call for fire or police have been made these calls would have been unanswered. The lag time for returning personnel ranges from three to twenty minutes and on several occasions personnel did not return to the station. This present staffing arrangement for firefighting and dispatching must be addressed.

The 1959 Army surplus tank truck has been out of service since August of 1987. This equipment loss has severely limited the department's ability to suppress structure fires outside of the hydrant district and forest fires off road. Cost of repair to this 29 year old vehicle would be high and even with the needed repairs it would be, at best, in poor condition.

Several engineering reports regarding the Public Safety Building floor were completed. Each of these reports pointed out the grave overload which was present on the seventy-six year old structure that ranged from a 157% to a 250% structural overload. As a short term measure, steel plates have been placed in each bay to redistribute the weight.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support in establishing the Fire Chief's position to that of a full time Administrator and the hiring of a full time Firefighter/Dispatcher to fill the Chief's former shift.

I would also wish to thank all the members of the Hopedale Fire Department, both full time and call, who throughout the year continue to provide professional service to the community.

The personnel of the Fire Department for this period was comprised of the following:

- 1- Full time Chief
- 3- Full time Firefighter/Dispatchers
- 21- Call Firefighter/Operators

ALARM AND INSPECTIONAL RESPONSES

Structure Fires -32	Brush and Grass Fires -11
Motor Vehicle Fires -7	Outside Fires -7
Motor Vehicle Accidents w/ Entrapment -2	Gas Spills -6
Medical Assistance, Other -140	Hazardous Material Incidents -3
Mutual Aid Given -20	Inspections/Investigations
Mutual Aid Received -9	by Fire Chief -500
Apparatus Responses to Investigations -41	Permits Issued -514
False Fire Alarms -30	Violations/Warnings Issued -53
Lock Outs/In -10	Fire Alarm Service Calls -74
Assistance to Town Departments -37	

TOTAL RESPONSES AND SERVICES -1,536
ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS BY FIRE - \$153,715.00
FIRE RELATED DEATHS - 0
FIRE RELATED INJURIES TO CIVILIANS -2

APPARATUS

Engine 1: International 750 GPM Pumper; Purchased 1961, fair condition
Engine 2: Maxim 1,000 GPM Pumper; Purchased 1968, good condition
Engine 3: REO 1,500 Gallon Tank Truck; Army Surplus 1959, out of service, please replace
Engine 4: Maxim 1,000 GPM Pumper; Purchased 1987, excellent condition
Ladder 1: Maxim 85' Aerial Ladder; Purchased 1973, good condition
Rescue 1: GMC 25 Seirra Pickup 2 WD w/Utility Body; Purchased 1979, should replace

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Durgin
Fire Chief



OFFICE OF
Board of Road Commissioners

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

This past year has been a busy and productive one. A number of road projects were completed including; the re-painting of all crosswalks and yellow center lines, replacement of street signs where needed and roads in need of repair were re-surfaced with additional monies from Chapter 90. Major repairs were made to concrete sidewalks along Freedom and Dutcher Streets and asphalt sidewalks were replaced on Inman Street. Emergency repairs were made to the Freedom Street Bridge with completion set for late November of 1988. The Board is working diligently with state and utility companies for the installation of new traffic lights at the intersection of Hopedale and Mendon Streets to be completed by Fall of 1988.

This past winter required additional snow plowing routes due to the town's growth.

Funds were approved at the Annual Town Meeting for a new hydraulic road sweeper which was ordered and put into operation in the Spring.

This Board has met with various developers to discuss layout, drainage and roadway work for future developments.

There are six full time employees who maintain all roadways and service town parks by cutting and trimming grass, emptying barrels and cleaning debris. With continued growth, it will be necessary to expand the employment of this department in the near future.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of all departments, especially the help from Town Administrator John Hayes.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

John Farrar, Chairman

John Cutter

Merwin Noyes



OFFICE OF
BOARD OF HEALTH

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

The Board of Health held 15 meetings during the fiscal year which began on July 1, 1987 and ended on June 30, 1988. Three public hearings were held in conjunction with these meetings. Two of the hearings were for site assignments. Approved was a site assignment for a stump dump, located on Gaskill Circle in the Pinecrest development off Mendon Street. The site was approved with the stipulation that nothing more could be brought in to the site other than what was already there at the time of the assignment.

The second site assignment, which was approved also, was for a transfer station location at the landfill off of South Main Street operated by M. M. Murphy, Inc. of Westerley, R.I.

The third public hearing, which was attended by a large number of residents, related to rules and regulations governing the municipal rubbish collection. The rules and regulations were adopted by the board on December 14, 1987. Included in the rules and regulations is a restriction on the number of containers and/or rubbish bags which each household can place at the curb for pick up which provides for a maximum of eight containers and/or bags. Rubbish is not to be placed at the curbside before 6 A.M. on the day of collection.

During the past 12 months, the Board has met with Rudolph and Clara Ferrucci, owners of property on Hartford Avenue, which has been condemned by the Board. The business, which was run at the site by the family for many years has relocated to Mendon and the Board is seeking total renovation or demolition of the building for health reasons.

Several reports of leachate leaking from the landfill off of South Main Street into the Charles River have been received by the Board. The state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has been notified of the conditions at the site and several hearings have been scheduled by DEQE to further pursue the problem. However, none of the scheduled meetings have materialized to date.

In June, the Board awarded the municipal rubbish collection contract to C.B. Trucking Company of Medway for a bid price of \$84,024 for the 1988 89 fiscal year.

The annual mosquito control program, conducted by the Central Mass. Mosquito Control group began in the spring and spraying is continuing on a weekly basis.

In the spring, the annual rabies clinic was held at the highway department garage with Dr. Richard V. Heller of the Milford Animal Hospital in charge.

A number of complains, including a large number relating to rubbish which was illegally disposed of were received during the year and investigated along with several complaints about unhealthy conditions in homes and facilities used by the public and the situations were corrected.

Reports of one case of chicken pox and one of scarlet fever were received by the board along with a number of strep throat reports.

Hopedale Pond was closed on Aug. 11, 1987 because of a coliform count of 900, which is considered to be above the safe level for swimming.

During the March 7, 1988 annual Town Election, Walter R. Swift was elected to the board, defeating John Carter who had been a member for several years. At the reorganizational meeting which followed the election, Mark Ansart was named chairman of the board; Walter Swift was named clerk and Charles Bishop is the third member of the board.

Dr. A. W. Farrell is Health Officer and Rolland J. Morin is Sanitation Officer. George Mongiat is the burial agent and Walter Swift is the milk inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Ansart, Chairman
Walter Swift, Clerk
Charles Bishop

"The Dale 1700;

Hopedale 1841;

A Town 1886"

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HOPEDALE TOWN COUNSEL



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REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

At present there is only one small lawsuit pending against the Town in the Milford District Court. This case has been pending for some years and should be disposed of before the end of the year.

A lawsuit commenced against the Town Clerk and certain Police Officers in the United States Federal Court arising out of the arrest of a non resident for interfering with the April 2, 1984 Town Meeting, was settled before trial for a nominal amount and the case was dismissed.

I have, as requested by the Selectmen, responded to inquiries from various Boards and Officers for legal advice, reviewed and drafted warrant articles and various legal documents for Town Boards. I was successful in having an Appeal to the Appellate Tax Board dismissed on legal grounds after a hearing, and assisting the Board of Assessors in a settlement of another appeal.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege for me to have served as Town Counsel of Hopedale since 1972. I appreciate the confidence placed in me by the various Boards of Selectmen since that time who have reappointed me. I have always enjoyed the full cooperation of the Finance Committee, Town Officials and Town employees, in particular the general office staff and the Town Administrator, and I am grateful to all of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney Robert S. Phillips
Town Counsel



KATHLEEN A. GARABEDIAN
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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Balance Sheet 6/30/88

Assets

Cash

Cash	356,289.16
Imprest Fund	220.00
Water Department	50,339.82
Sewer Department	342,333.58
Waste Water Treatment Plant	75,628.59
Stabilization Fund	313,242.12
Pinecrest Water Tank Acct.	533.94
DEQE Reimb. New Well	7,648.25

Accounts Receivable

Real Estate Tax	
Levy Year 1988	2,292,068.51
Levy Year 1987	100,017.29
Levy Year 1986	9,937.62
Levy Year 1985	14,699.52
Levy year 1984	14,655.00
Levy Year 1983	212.88
Levy Year 1982	10,655.12
Levy Year 1981	8,762.29
Levy Year 1980	5,218.13
Levy Year 1979	3,939.92
Levy Year 1978	462.16
Levy Year 1977	754.55
Levy Year 1976	890.74
Levy Year 1975	1,656.77
Levy Year 1973	11.68
Levy Year 1972	10.37
Levy Year 1971	355.94
Levy Year 1970	129.44
Levy Year 1969	285.18
Levy Year 1968	1,191.28
Levy Year 1966	280.17
Levy Year 1961	167.69
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	2,466,362.35

Personal Property Tax

Levy Year 1988	60,853.15
Levy Year 1987	442.28
Levy Year 1986	204.92
Levy Year 1985	140.74
Levy Year 1983	168.37
Levy Year 1981	197.21
Levy Year 1980	404.49
Levy Year 1979	263.75
Levy Year 1978	216.91
Levy Year 1976	6.29
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	62,898.11

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Levy Year 1988	113,393.99	
Levy Year 1987	24,265.28	
Levy Year 1986	9,345.75	
Levy Year 1985	3,093.26	
Levy Year 1984	3,172.33	
Levy Year 1983	3,143.81	
Levy Year 1982	1,977.49	
Levy Year 1981	1,192.57	
Levy Year 1980	3,192.47	
Levy Year 1979	2,315.35	
Levy Year 1978	1,916.63	
Levy Year 1977	2,058.44	
Levy Year 1976	1,418.10	
Levy Year 1975	1,416.31	
Levy Year 1974	3,247.58	
Levy Year 1973	6,792.31	
Levy Year 1972	4,344.53	
Levy Year 1971	3,526.58	
Levy Year 1970	2,238.85	
Levy Year 1969	911.42	
Levy Year 1968	547.59	
Levy Year 1967	620.29	
Levy Year 1966	365.18	
Levy Year 1965	1,330.22	195,826.33
Tax Titles	184.91	184.91
<u>Departmental</u>		
Town Hall	3,750.94	
Veterans Department	10,537.91	14,288.85
<u>Sewer Department</u>		
Rates	29,340.30	29,340.30
<u>Water Department</u>		
Water Rates	36,656.33	
Water Services	278.66	
Water Liens	1,611.25	38,546.24
<u>Unprovided For Or Revolving Accts.</u>		
Prior Years Assesments	.06	
Highway Dept. Prepaid Vacation FY89	779.69	
Special Duty Police Revolving Acct.	2,996.41	
Council on Aging Revolving	1,284.45	
School Meal Tax	.10	5,060.71
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
School Title I	9,696.79	
School Chapter II Block Grant	172.28	
Early Childhood Alloc. Program	501.30	10,370.37
<u>Revenue And Available Funds 1989</u>		
Revenue(less appropriations		
for available funds)	5,274,681.00	
Sewer Revenue(Ch.44 Sec.53E)	125,465.00	
Sewer Revenue(Ch.83 Sec. 16)	251,700.00	
Water Revenue(Ch.41 Sec.69B)	260,450.00	
Surplus Revenue	11,000.00	5,923,296.00
		9,892,409.63

LIABILITIES

<u>Cash</u>		
WasteWater Treatment Plant	75,628.59	75,628.59
<u>Surplus Property</u>	125.00	125.00
<u>Reserve For Appropriation</u>	2,087.00	2,087.00
<u>State And County Assesments</u>		
1988 Special Education Ch.71B	118.00	118.00
<u>Revenue Reserved Until Collected</u>		
Departmental Revenue	14,163.85	
Motor Vehicle Revenue	195,826.33	
Water Revenue	38,546.24	
Sewer Revenue	26,612.88	
Tax Title Revenue	184.91	275,334.21
<u>Revenue Reserved For Petty Cash</u>	220.00	220.00
<u>Revenue Collected-Interest Charges</u>		
Sewer Service	636.78	
Sewer Betterment Charges	2,090.64	2,727.42
<u>Overlay Reserved For Abatement</u>		
1988 Overlay	304,767.66	
1987 Overlay	70,607.32	
1986 Overlay	10,379.90	
1985 Overlay	25,038.48	
1984 Overlay	14,655.00	
1983 Overlay	212.88	
1982 Overlay	6,925.36	
1977 Overlay	754.55	
1976 Overlay	890.74	
1975 Overlay	1,656.77	
1973 Overlay	11.68	
1972 Overlay	10.37	
1971 Overlay	355.94	
1970 Overlay	129.44	
1968 Overlay	285.18	
1969 Overlay	1,191.28	
1961 Overlay	167.79	438,040.34
<u>Trust Fund Income</u>		
Town Cemetery Trust	110.59	
Park Department Trust	2,875.13	
Library Trust	19,079.78	
Playground Equipment(donations)	50.00	22,115.50
<u>Employee Deductions(Payroll)</u>		
County Retirement	71.25	
Group Insurance Employee Deduction	21,466.76	
Group Insurance Retired-Direct Bill	4,548.06	
Medicare Tax	45.85	26,131.92

Revolving Accounts-Revenue Balances

Planning Board	6,395.36	
Civil Defense	793.95	
Aid to Public Libraries(CSI)	5,045.24	
DEQE Well Reimb. Acct.	2,969.65	
Park Dept. Foundation Grant	1,089.42	
Conservation Commission	1,116.10	
Hopedale Birthday Committee-Donations	2,077.10	
Hopedale Arts Council	5,024.51	
Stabilization Fund	393,826.12	
Tax Anticipation Notes	1,900,000.00	
School Lunch Receipts	8,340.67	
School Misc Receipts	3,542.92	
School Athletic Receipts	4,585.87	
School Tuition Receipts	298.04	
Insurance Reimbursements	609.61	
State Census Reimbursements	191.75	
Highway-Chapter 811Acts of 1985	12,635.31	
Pinecrest Water Tank Account	533.94	
Bond Issue Fire Truck	265.00	
Friends Of Red Shop	25.00	
School Designer Selection	17,528.25	
Freedom Street Bridge Repair	63,506.71	
School- Title II	9.50	
School- Project"See" Title IV	432.63	
School- Business Micro Computer	5,398.19	
School - Chapter 622	109.91	
School- N.J. Writing Project	187.50	
School-Excess Reentry	1,450.00	
School-Improvement Grant	3,921.17	
School-Horace Mann Grant	4,464.00	
School-Worcester State Science Project	17.50	
Right To Know	542.00	2,446,932.92

Surplus Revenue

Surplus Sewer Revenue	333,949.52	
Surplus Water Revenue	55,032.42	
Surplus Revenue	290,670.79	679,652.73

Appropriation Control

5,923,296.00	<u>5,923,296.00</u>
	9,892,409.63

OFFICE OF



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL '88

For the fiscal year 1988 the Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled and convened public hearings on fourteen cases.

Chairman Eldon Biggs resigned after twenty-two years of service on the Board, with over ten years as Chairman. His sense of fairness and concern for both the town and the applicants will be missed.

Also resigning from the Board were Charles Espanet, who served for eleven years and Roy Nutting, after four years of service.

The current Board as of fiscal year '88 are; Chairman Joseph Menfi, Thomas Roche, Bruno Carnaroli, Walter Cyr, Bruce Lutz and Norma Thurston as Alternate.

Respectfully,

Bruce Lutz,
Secretary

OFFICE OF



TREE WARDEN

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TREE WARDEN REPORT FOR FISCAL '88

Once again much of the budget money was spent on trimming the many street trees in town, along the banks of Hopedale Pond, and in the Town Park. Trees were trimmed along Dutcher St., Peace St., Inman St., Northrup St., Green St., and Mill St.

A total of five new trees were planted and they were as follows:

2 Bradford Pear trees at 134 and 64 Dutcher Street.

2 Sugar Maples in at the corner of Adin Ballou Park and

1 Northern Red Oak on Lower Jones Road near Dutcher St.

Respectfully,

Bruce Lutz
Tree Warden

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

FISCAL YEAR 1988

Under Massachusetts Law, c 115 as amended, benefits received by veterans are paid for by the State and Town. Each year the Town of Hopedale appropriates several thousand dollars to meet the financial needs of her veterans. The Town receives 75% reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Any person who has proof that he, or she is a veteran, or a dependent of a veteran is entitled to file and application for assistance. Well over half of all residents in town have actual, or potential entitlement.

Veterans Benefits is a selective program based upon certain conditions established by law. The following are the three principal requirements:

1. War time service with a separation, or discharge under honorable conditions.
2. Legal residence in the Town
3. Financial need

It should be noted that the following special programs are available for veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange, former prisoners of war, post traumatic stress disorder, service-connected disabled men and women veterans.

A major concern for the Veterans' Service Department will be in meeting the needs of our aged veterans and homeless veterans. Our efforts must continue to support legislation on behalf of this group of veterans.

VETERANS POPULATION

Veterans estimated ages:

World War I	-----89.1
World War II	-----65.1
Korean Conflict	-----55.8
Vietnam	-----39.7

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding to the needs of our veterans, and for their continued support to insure that the Veterans' Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services is able to continue to meet the needs of our veterans efficiently and effectively within our capacity, but the only way this is achieved is due to the following people and through their respective agencies:

Board of Selectmen
John Halachis, Commissioner of Veterans' Services
and his staff
James Maye, Director of the VA Regional Office, Boston
and his staff
Local Veterans Organizations

My sincere thanks and appreciation to each for their assistance in making my job easier.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony J. Mastroianni
Director/Agent

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RED SHOP PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Red Shop Preservation Committee set as it's long term goals to restore and preserve the Red Shop to a level suitable to house and preserve the machine and document collection and to raise sufficient public and private funds to complete such restoration and preservation work.

During the year, the Committee developed a Scope of Work detailing the repairs and renovations needed for the building. Work commenced this year, including repairs of windows, installation of a security and fire alarm system and reconstruction of stairs, handrails and ramps into the building.

The Committee looked for sources of expertise to assist in this project and met with Architect William McLay and Thomas Leavitt, Director of the Museum of American Textile History, for suggestions and guidance. The Committee requested a proposal from Preservation Services of Mendon to guide it in restoring the building.

During the course of the year the Committee discussed various approaches to raising funds to help meet it's goals beyond the amounts appropriated by the Town Meeting. A local attorney has agreed to donate his services on a pro bono basis to the Committee to set up an independent corporation, "Friends of the Red Shop", to act as the mechanism for solicitation of private funds and that process has begun.



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal Year 1988 began with a new computer system being installed which is designed to do in-house revaluations for the Town of Hopedale. Initial data conversion and estimated tax billing for the first part of Fiscal Year 1988 was accomplished by December 1, 1988. The remainder of the winter was used to complete the database including computer drawn sketches, sale information updates and data entry of all new properties built during 1986.

Spring of 1988 brought the analysis of sales, development of cost schedules, finalization of values, and state certification of values. Although property values increased considerably during the three years since the last revaluation the tax rates were reduced.

A third member, Jamie Schwingel, was appointed to the Board during this fiscal year. She has brought her many skills and enthusiasm to the office, complementing the Boards talents and experience.

OFFICE OF

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TOWN TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR

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Carolyn J. Marcotte, Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

STABILIZATION FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

Balance 07/01/87	\$ 292,829.35
Additions	80,584.00
Interest Income	20,412.77
Balance 06/30/88	<u>\$ 393,826.12</u>

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

	<u>Principal</u> <u>07/01/87</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Disbursement</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>06/30/88</u>
Town Cemetery	\$ 493.39	\$ 42.04		\$ 535.43
Park Department	2,599.74	162.98		2,762.72
Daisy Dutcher	12,464.35	1,357.22		13,821.57
Library	<u>73,126.36</u>	<u>3,446.12</u>		<u>76,572.48</u>
	\$ 88,683.84	\$5,008.36		\$93,692.20

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

AS OF JUNE 30, 1988

	<u>Years Remaining</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Outstanding 06/30/87</u>	<u>Principal Paid</u>	<u>Due 06/30/88 Principal Interest</u>
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION					
Municipal Bldg. Heat Loan	9	\$300,000.	\$140,000.	\$16,000.	\$16,000. \$ 8,600.
School Bus Bond Issue	4	59,090.	59,090.	11,818.	11,818. 3,428.
Capital Expenditure Bond Issue	5	256,825.	256,825.		51,365. 11,300.
Short Term Borrowing - Interest on Temp. Loans					
TOTALS		\$615,915.	\$455,915.	\$27,818.	
					52,000. \$75,328.
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION					
Sewer Bond 92-03	35	\$1,000,000.	\$875,000.	\$25,000.	\$25,000. \$45,000.
Sewer Bond 92-05	35	824,900.	721,775.	20,625.	20,625. 37,120.
TOTALS		\$1,824,900.	\$1,596,775.	\$45,625.	\$45,625. \$82,120.

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners



COMMISSIONERS
Kenneth A. Mooradian
Benjamin F. Phillips
Harold W. Anderson

John A. Hayes
Vice-Chairman

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

During fiscal year 1988 this Board conducted twelve regular meetings and four special meetings. We continued to see increased growth in our water and sewer system with seventy-eight new water customers for a total of one thousand seven hundred ninety-two and eighty six new sewer customers for a total of one thousand seven hundred twenty three.

For this fiscal year the Board reviewed and approved plans for the following sub-divisions, and/or sewer requests:

- *Highland Estates
- *Midway Realty Trust for West Street, Milford
- *Western Avenue, Milford
- *Airport-view Estates
- *The Village at Draper Farm

Major projects were ongoing during the year with the highlights of our activities being centered around:

- *The re-activation of our Greene Street well by drilling and installing a new 36" gravel packed well which we hope to have in service by August 15, 1988
- *Completion of the repairs to our 12" water main on Freedom Street at the Freedom Street Bridge
- *Replacement of 550' of 4" water main, with a new 6" main on Park Street
- *Replacement of the water level circuit between the Public Safety Building and the Williams Street water tank
- *Cleared all trees within 50' of our Williams Street tank as required by the town's insurance underwriters
- *Cleaned the Mill Street well fields and determined that twelve wells should be replaced
- *Repaired and cleaned the Venturi Meter at Mill Street
- *Flushed and cleaned the old sewer system

In addition, the Board reviewed the McLay proposal for the old Draper Mill Complex and indicated to Mr. McLay that additional sources of water would have to be developed in order for this Board to consider favorable action on his proposal.

We signed a grant for \$100,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering that will be applied toward the materials needed to complete our Greene Street well project.

Hopedale, along with all other cities and towns in the Commonwealth, is beginning to enact the Safe Water Drinking Act requirements which are mandated by the Federal Government. These new regulations include pre-treatment, lead content, a secure cross connection program, along with several other dramatic and costly changes to the way we will have to deliver water in the years ahead. Due to increased costs associated with the Safe Water Drinking act the Board voted to increase the water rate from .0146 to .0162 per cubic feet as of the April billing cycle.

The Board once again found it necessary to ask our residents to voluntarily curtail their use of water. Although many residents understood and complied with this request, some chose to ignore it and to continue watering their lawns. This action resulted in the Board declaring a water emergency for the first time in several years. This action was necessary in order to protect our well fields and to hopefully place us in a position to rest these fields and allow them to recover for a few hours each night.

The most significant concern of this Board is to have an adequate supply and reserve of water available at all times. Hopedale has limited water resources and our planning is predicated on domestic use. It is important for everyone to realize that a new water tank only improves stand-by volume and, hopefully, water pressure. A new well only replaces the domestic water being used by growth. We do not have a supply which allows us the luxury of unlimited external use of water, such as watering of lawns. This problem is not unique to Hopedale, several towns experience similar supply problems during peak demand periods, so please be sensitive to your limited supply of water and do your share in practicing water conservation.

Once again, our appreciation goes to all our employees in the Water and Sewer Departments and to those employees in the General Office that assist us, and you, on a daily basis.

Note: This report was prepared by the Administrator and submitted to the Board for adoption; however, at the time of submission to the printer it had not been formally accepted by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners as their report for Fiscal Year 1988.

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY

JUNE 30, 1988

TOWN HALL

Town Hall	886,000
Town Hall Stone Fixtures	3,500
Town Hall Furniture & Fixtures	95,000
Town Hall Water Department	15,000

LIBRARY

Bancroft Memorial Library, Building	741,750
Bancroft Memorial Library, Books & Fixtures	425,000
Fountain of Hope	250,000

WATER

Mains, hydrants, etc.	278,000
Standpipe	350,000
Pumping Station, Mill Street	325,000
Pumping Station, Greene Street	200,000
Wells & Suction Connections	53,000
Machinery & Equipment	90,000
Small Tools	12,500
Compressor	3,000
Supplies	12,000
Storage Building	6,000
1986 Chevrolet Truck	12,500
1982 GMC Pick Up	1,600

POLICE

1988 Ford LTD	14,500
1987 Ford LTD	6,500
1986 Ford LTD	2,000
Equipment	20,000

FIRE

Fire Station	881,900
Equipment, Furniture & Apparatus	121,000
1987 Maxim 1,000 gal. Pumper	145,000
1961 International 750 gal. Pumper	10,000
1968 Maxim 1,000 gal. pumper	21,000
1973 Maxim Ladder Truck	70,000
1979 GMC Rescue Truck	6,000
1985 Ford LTD	1,000

SEWER

Treatment Plant Building and Equipment	7,475,000
Garage	8,000
1982 GMC Dump Truck	7,000
1984 Ford Pick Up	2,500
1966 International Front End Loader	3,000
Outside Structures	20,000
Equipment	15,000
Sewer Roder	12,000

PARK

Band Stand, Including tools	50,000
Comfort Station	15,000
Bath House	60,000
Playground Equipment	10,000
Park Garage	5,000
Tool House	2,000
1986 John Deere Tractor	7,500

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Building, Park Street School	166,750
Furniture & Fixtures	15,000
General Draper High School Building	2,287,005
Furniture & Fixtures	150,000
Memorial Elementary School	927,715
Furniture & Fixtures	75,000
1986 International Bus	23,000
1979 Chevrolet Bus	9,000
1981 International Bus	12,000
1986 International Bus	23,000
1987 Chevrolet Bus	28,000
1987 Van	14,500
1988 Van	17,500

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1988 Ford One Ton Dump Truck	18,000
1986 Ford One Ton Dump Truck	18,000
1981 Chevrolet Pick Up	2,500
1978 International Dump Truck	3,000
1974 White Dump Truck	5,000
1973 International Sander	2,000
1987 FMC Vanguard Sweeper	70,000
1976 Caterpillar Front End Loader	40,000
1960 Ford Sander	10,000
1963 Ford Catch Basin Cleaner	6,000
1970 Sidewalk Tractor	1,500
1963 Divco Sidewalk Tractor	500
1985 Leaf Blower	10,000
Garage	345,000
Small tools & equipment	25,000
Salt Shed	23,011

TOWN BUILDINGS

Red Shop (Land & Building)	19,780
Municipal Garage	115,000

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Statistics:

DAYS OPEN	274		
HOURS OF OPERATION	30 hours/week Sept.-June 22 hours/week July-Aug.		
REGISTRATIONS	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
New borrowers: Hopedale	107	118	225
Out of town	26	12	38
Patrons using reading and reference rooms	6727	6871	13598
ACQUISITIONS			
Total volumes July 1987	24848	5013	29861
Volumes added	1054	354	1408
Volumes withdrawn	310	223	533
Total volumes June 1988	25592	5144	30736
Total non-print material	418	257	675
Newspapers received	3	-	3
Periodicals received	63	8	71
CIRCULATION			
Fiction	11581	12937	24518
Non-fiction	6185	4584	10769
Non-book material	4098	2190	6288
Totals	21864	19711	41575

Report:

Fiscal Year 1987-88 saw changes in the library staff and the Board of Library Trustees. Sue-Ellen Deiana resigned as Library Director in November after almost eight years of dedicated service to the Hopedale community. Ann A. Robinson was appointed as the new director and began her position in January. In addition, Anita Drisko resigned her position of Library Trustee after a seven year term. In April, Sue-Ellen Deiana was elected to the position of Library Trustee.

Ann A. Robinson met with two sixth grade classes at Memorial School in February. The purpose of the visits was to introduce the sixth graders to the Adult Department. Later in the month many of these students visited the library for a tour and bibliographic instruction. Several meetings were held between Ann A. Robinson and Laurie Wooden, School Librarian in order to maintain a close working relationship between the town and school libraries. Many teachers took advantage of the Central Massachusetts Regional Library Systems Audio-Visual Center and rented movies and films to supplement classroom material.

In March, a Book Review and Discussion Group was started with members from the Unitarian Church book discussion group. The group averages 8-10 members per monthly meeting.

During National Library Week in April, a magic show was presented by the library with funds from the Hopedale Arts Council. The successful show, titled "Magic by John Sullivan," was attended by approximately 175 children and adults. The Friends of the Hopedale Library sponsored a book drawing during National Library Week, which enabled one adult and one child to win a book of their choice.

Under Marjorie Hattersley, the Children's Department presented the Summer Reading Program titled "Wild About Reading" to 10 children in grade 3 - 6 who read 416 titles. A total of 22 children in grades 1 and 2 participated in the "Circus Fun" program and read a total of 463 books. The pre-school program, "Read to Me," was especially successful with a total of 30 children reading a total of 416 books. Six story hours held on Saturdays in November and December had an attendance of 105 children. Eight Saturday morning story hours held in March and April had a total of 210 children in attendance. The Vacation Movie Programs in December, February and April entertained 100 area youngsters. A Pre-school Story Hour was presented by volunteer Jessica LaMarbe in March April and May with many area mothers and their children in attendance.

During the month of April the Apple IIe computer was replaced. Over twenty new programs, as well as donated programs were used by 62 adults and children. A pamphlet file was initiated in July with the donation of an oak file cabinet by the Friends. In addition, a large community bulletin board was donated by the Friends. The library began to receive compact discs from the Regional Office in March. Furthermore, the rental collection from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System was expanded to include more fiction, non-fiction, large print and young adult titles.

Ann A. Robinson attended the Massachusetts Library Association's Winter Conference at Holy Cross. She also attended a workshop in the Planning Process at the Grafton Public Library and a presentation on Community Information Files at the Auburn Public Library. Marjorie Hattersley attended several meetings of the Central Massachusetts Regional Library Children's Services Discussion Group.

Our appreciation is expressed to the many volunteers who offered time and supplies to the library. Francis Hanam has volunteered many hours to the library over the past year. The Friends of the Hopedale Library framed a historical map and worked on the historical collection. The Friends purchased free passes to the Children's Museum. The Friends Book Sale enabled them to purchase a large bulletin board, oak file cabinet, display case, folding table and a bookcase for the library. Boy Scout Troup #33 volunteered over 70 hours of time under the direction of scout member, Scott Conlin. Brownie Troup #952 volunteered their time to dust the library shelves. Jennifer Luckraft and Emily Harvey from Junior Troup #956 gave up many afternoons to clip and paste newspaper articles. Also assisting in clipping and pasting were Boy Scouts, Patrick Melle, Michael Girard and Ben Pagnini.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann A. Robinson,
Library Director

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